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GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY

OF

JOHANN HERMAN STEINMETZ

Born in Etzel, Germany 9 November 1848. Resided at Edwardsville, Illinois 1870 - 1940

Ancestry traced back to 1700 in Kirchberg, Saxony, South Germany through Esens and Etzel in Oldenburg, North Germany.

Covers family in Germany to 1953 and in America to 1960.

Compiled by

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Union Springs, New York

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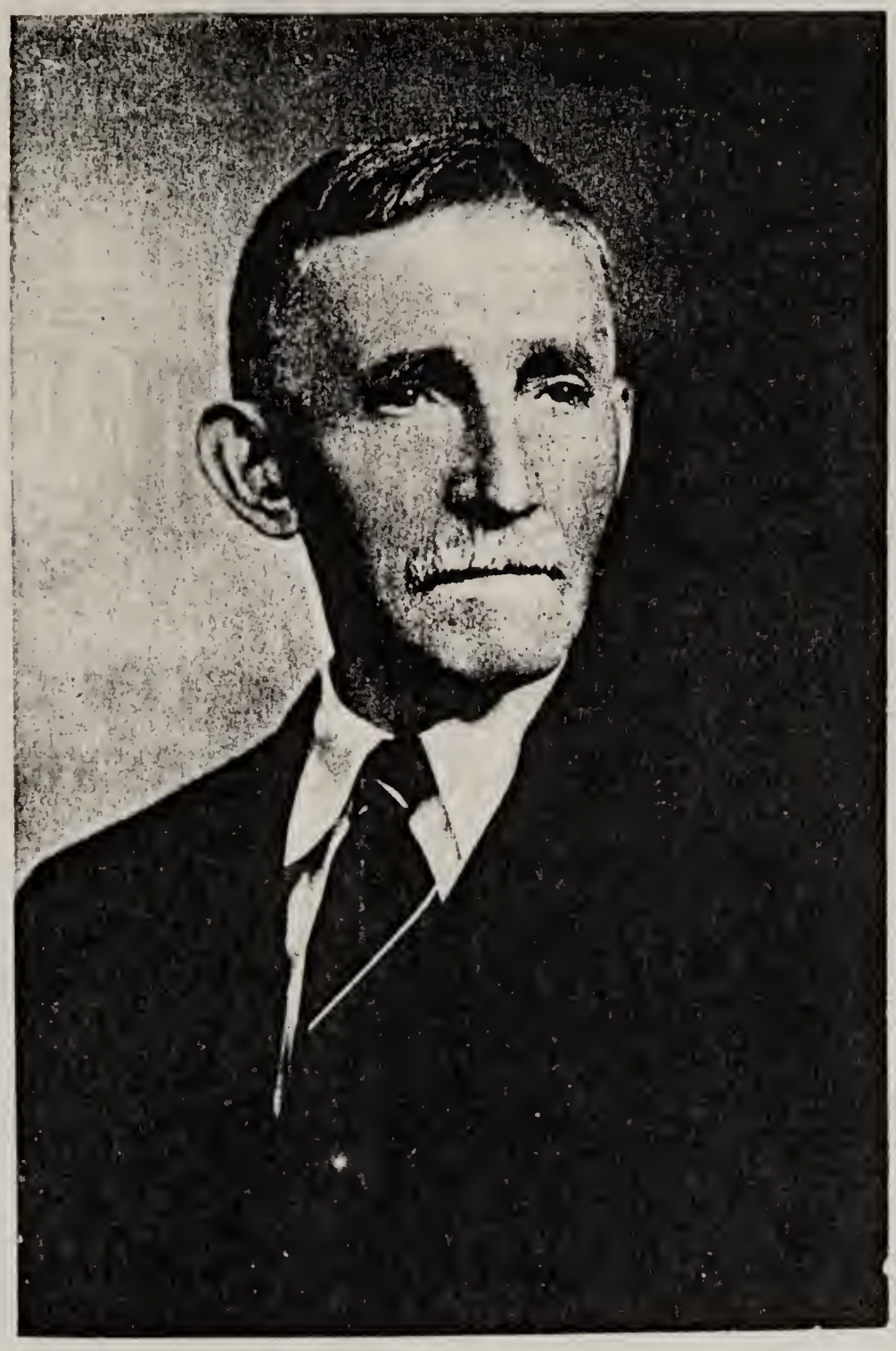

John H. Steinmetz
Age 90 yrs. 9 Nov. 1938

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John Steinmetz

Die Eltern von Nr. 18 waren:

36. Ortgiesen, Helmerich Bernhard Anton, Pastor in Etzel, 1720–1732,
geb. u. get. 17. Febr. 1693 in Etzel, gest. 26. Juni 1732 in Etzel, heiratete am 26. Juli 1726 in Etzel:

37. Frantzen, Trienche (Catharine) geb. 4. Aug. 1701 in Etzel. (Sie war die 2. Frau von Nr. 36.)
Sie verheiratete sich nach dem Tode ihres Mannes wieder mit Jann Bohnefelck aus Zetel im Jahr 1738 (Trauung in Zetel?)

Die Eltern von Nr. 36 waren:

72. Ortgiesen, Helmericus, Pastor in Etzel 1677–1720.
geb. 21. Juni 1649 in Etzel; gest. 13. Sept. 1720 in Etzel; heiratete am 30. Juni 1674 in Etzel:

73. Rickelffs, Fräucke, aus Sandumer Ahm gebürtig.

Die Eltern von Nr. 19 waren:

38 Billfinger, Hans Peter, gest. 7. Dez. 1760 in Etzel; heiratete 2. Aug. 1733 in Etzel seine 2. Frau:

39. Schomerus, Margaretha, Tochter des Pastors Joh. Schomerus in Horsten.
gest. 14. April 1747 in Etzel.

Note in letter from Pastor L. Janssen, Mch, 1949.

Ein Sohn von dem Ehepaar Steinmetz/Cramer (Nr. 16 und 17), Jacob Eberhard August, geb. 5. Dec. 1765 in Etzel, war bei dem Sohne seines Bruders, des Pastoren Ferdinand Rudolph Phillip Steinmetz, im Jahre 1795 Pate: / Er war damals Kaufman in Charleston, Süd Carolina, und im Jahre 1805 war er dort preuss. Konsul.

Ancestry of John Herman Steinmetz
Etzel, Ostfriesland, Germany Church Records

Courtesy
L. Janssen

16 Steinmetz, Georg Heinrich
Pastor in Etzel 1763-1767
~~Pastor~~ 7. Mai 1729 in Esens
(Vater war Leutnant)
gest. 24. März 1767 in Etzel
mit
Sara verw. Cramer, geb. Maritzine Gartz

17.

18. Origiesen, Sebastian Gerh.
Magister in Etzel
geb. 4. Juli 1731 in Etzel
gest. 21. Febr. 1779 "
heir. 2. Juli 1761 "
Bilfinger, Anna Friederica
geb. 7. Juni 1741 in Etzel
gest. 28 Sept. 1816 "

19.

20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. Focke Johannes
Wiemke

26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31.

8 Steinmetz
Ferdinand Rud. Philipp,
Pastor in Etzel
geb. 16. Febr. 1760
in Reepsholt
gest. 7 Febr. 1819
in Etzel
Heirat:
1781-1819

9 Origiesen
Anna Catharina Margreta
geb. 6. } März 1762
get. 7. }
in Etzel
gest. 20. Sept. 1795
in Etzel

10 Wessels,
Gerd,
Hausmann in Horsten

11 Haselbach
Anke

12 Focken
Johann, Köthner u. Einw. in Hohejohls
geb. } 10. Okt. 1733 in E
get. }
gest. 26. Okt. 1801
in Etzel

13 Hicken
Geske
gest. 11. Febr. 1785
in Etzel.

Heirat: 18. Mai 1758
in Etzel.

14 Ekhoff
Stillahn,
Webermeister
in Etzel
„bei der Pumpe"

15 Matthesen
Taalke

4 Steinmetz, Georg Heinrich
Hausmann in Etzel
Bauermeister.
geb. 29. März } 1784 in Etzel
get. 2. April }
gest. 3. Mai 1844 " "

5 Wessels, Lyilke Maria
geb. 11 July 1779 in Horsten
get.
gest. 12. Sept. 1818 in Etzel.

Heirat: 12. Mai 1807 in Etzel

6 Focken, Johann
Landgebräuder in Etzel (Hohejohls)
geb. 24. Sept. 1774 in Etzel
get. 25. " " "
gest. 27. Jan. 1857 " "

7. Ekhoff, Trientje Margrete
geb. 6. } Okt. 1780 in E.
get. 7. }
gest. 26. Jan. 1823 " "

Heirat: 18. Juni 1802 in Etzel.

2. Steinmetz, Gerd, Landgebr in Etzel (Riepen)
geb. 29. Aug. } 1810 in Etzel [Drillingsgeburt!]
get. 9. Sept. }
gest. 28. Okt. 1880 in Etzel

3. Focken, Anna Catharina
geb. 22. Nov. } 1817 in E
get. 12. Dez. }
gest. 31. Dez. 1897 in Etzel.

Heirat 13. Aug. 1841 in Etzel

1. Steinmetz, Johann Hermann
geb. 9. Nov. } 1848 in Etzel my father.
get. 17. Dez. }

F. H. Steinmetz
Orono, Maine Jan. 1953

over
Wenden:

Translations by F. H. Steinmetz

Geb. = born

Get. = baptized

Gest. = died

Heirat. = married

Haussman = resident or housekeeper, possibly doorman

Bauermeister = farm foreman

Landgebräucher = farmer - tender of land

aus Sandumer Ahmgeburtig = from Sanddunes (born deaf?)

bei der Pumpe = by the town pump

Webermeister = master weaver

Einw. Hohejohls = resident in Hohejohls

Eltern = parents

Waren = were

Drillings Geburt = triple births

Wessels, Johann
Decker, Agatha Margaretha.

Adami, Adam
Grossmeyer in Etzel
geb.
gest. 10.12.1714 in Etzel
∞ 29. Juni 1685 in Etzel
Cramer, Gesche,
geb. 1.4. 1665 in Etzel
gest. 24.5.1728 "

Antoni, Adr. v.,
Pastor in Zetel
Cramer
geb. 1630, † 10.4.1677 in Pastor in Etzel
∞ 25.5.1655 in Etzel
N. N., Gesche
† 17.12.1716 Stadt. Stm. und

Haselbach Claas Claesen,
Grossmeyer in Etzel.
geb.
gest. 26.3.1740 in Etzel
∞ 29. Nov. 1702 in Horsten
Junges Tenke,
geb
gest.

Manelsdiek Nele Johann,
Tonnenfabr. in Hirsch in Oldenb.
geb. 12. Sept. 1683 in Etzel
gest. 2. Okt. 1727 "
∞ 27. Juni 1707
Gerdes Je Sohle
geb. 27. Juni 1682 in Etzel
gest. 21. Sept. 1768 "

Manelsdiek
Harm
Theerdi

(12) Wessels, Johann
Hausmann, Horsten
geb. 9.2.1687 "
gest. 23.3.1757 "

(13) Adami,
Rebecca
geb. 13.11.1709 in Etzel
gest. 5.9.1798 in Horsten

∞ 1. Juli 1728 in Horsten

(14) Haselbach,
Jacob Claesen
geb. 10.12.1707 in Horsten
gest. 9.4.1755 in Etzel

(15) Manelsdiek,
Assel Meyen
geb. 8.8.1722 in Etzel
gest. 23.1.1796 " "

∞ 6. August 1745 in Etzel.

(10) Wessels, Tjarli
Hausmann in Horsten,
geb. 13. Aug. 1739 in Horsten
gest. 20. Jan. 1816 in Horsten

(11) Haselbach (2. Frau)
Anke Jacobs
geb. 7. Sept. 1752 in Etzel
gest. 13. Sept. 1827 in Horsten

∞ 22. Nov. 1776 in Horsten.

(5) Wessels, Hilke Marie
geb. 11. Juli 1779 in Horsten, ∞ 12. Mai 1807 in Etzel
gest. 12. Sept. 1810 in Etzel. H Georg Heinrich Steinmetz.

Numbers in ( ) = numbers of Etzel records

Hilke Marie Wessels Ancestry
Johann Hermann Steinmetz's Grandmother

PREFACE

This study had its beginning at the time of my last visit with my father in 1938. At that time certain factual statements were recorded and after a time were laid aside until January 1953 when I had a letter from unknown relatives, Irene and Viola Armknecht, inquiring who I was and in what way were they related to me. This letter stimulated a period of activity which yielded an outline and summary of known facts as of December 1953. In March 1949, I received from my cousin, Alvine Ekhoff, through Pastor Ludwig Janssen, Etzel, Germany a Church Record of the Steinmetz lineage back to 1729. Since then Pastor Janssen has supplied additional Church Records from Etzel, Horsten, and Esens, Ostfriesland, Germany. In America, I have investigated records of numerous Steinmetz families through correspondence, cemetery visits, personal calls, Court records, Library of Congress, D. A. R. Library and source materials at Columbia and Charleston, South Carolina. Auto trips have been made to South Carolina and southeastern Nebraska.

It has been a policy to maintain a factual continuity. Place and date of birth are recorded when known. It is believed that migrations from Germany to the United States are accurate. For heads of families or unmarried individuals, their occupation or profession is recorded. It is hoped that the reader will be able to follow the social customs, trends in education and the actual status of citizens included. To the writer, this study has revealed the transition of German foreign-born individuals into fully adjusted citizens of the United States of America during the past

century. In addition, some light is thrown on changes in customs and the effect school laws have had within the United States. No doubt, there will be omissions and inaccuracies but this seems to be normal in an investigation which is dependent upon so many individuals of diverse interests and widely scattered residences.

Ferdinand Henry Steinmetz

Union Springs, New York

March 1960

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE STEINMETZ FAMILY

Late in the 17th Century one Johann Phillip Steinmetz, born in Kirchberg, Southern Saxony, Germany, migrated to Esens, Province Oldenburg, North Germany, not very far from the North Sea. While no date of his birth or migration is known, it is assumed that he was born before 1700 as it is shown in Esens Church Records that his first child, born to his first wife, was baptized in 1717 at Esens, Germany. (Inf. L. Janssen, Pastor in retirement from Etzel now residing in Aurich, Germany.) My translation of the Esens Church Record, transmitted by L. Janssen in 1958, is given below:

Steinmetz, Johann Phillip
Honorable, Finance Minister of East Friesland, Lieutenant of the Homeguard of Esens, in charge of Vehicles of the same. 1750 General-Agent of the Council of Esens. Born in Kirchberg. Died?
Married I Wife: Who, when, where, not known.
This first wife died before 1735.
Married II Wife: In Esens - Tida Lucia Bierhausen in 1735.
Children from the first marriage:

1. Maria Margaretha, born 20 Aug. 1717 in Esens.
2. Anna Maria Elizabeth, born 7 Oct. 1719 in Esens.
3. Peter Phillip, born 2 July 1722 in Esens.
4. Peter Andreas Friedrich, Rector in Esens 1759 - 1762, Pastor in Berdum 1762 - 1802. Born 10 Nov. 1726 in Esens, died 17 Apr. 1804 in Wittmund.
   I. Marriage 9 Sept. 1750 in Varel. Anna Catharina Wilkens, born 23 Apr. 1728 in Varel.
   II. Marriage 30 June 1753 in Woquard, Ebel Eva Stieffs.
5. Georg Heinrich, Pastor in Reepsholt 1754 - 1763, Pastor in Etzel 1763 - 1767. Born 1 May 1729 in Esens, died 24 Mar. 1767 in Etzel. Married 30 Apr. 1755 in Reepsholt. Christine Charlotte Cramer, born 15 Jan. 1737 in Reepsholt, died 4 Dec. 1807 in Etzel.

Steinmetz, Georg Heinrich (born 1729)

From the above record it is obvious that Georg Heinrich Steinmetz as Pastor in Etzel 1763 - 1767 established the Steinmetz Family there and from which through a succession of five generations, John Herman Steinmetz emigrated to the United States of America in 1870.

Georg Heinrich was not only Pastor, but acquired a sizeable tract of land and operated a farm. It is said that Pastors quite frequently found it necessary to have an income other than their Pastor's stipend. One may speculate on the reason for migration from Saxony to Oldenburg, North Germany. However, history shows that Germany was in a period of readjustment and that peasant farmers were experiencing particularly difficult times. The general lowland region of North Germany and Holland had been reclaimed from the North Sea. This reclamation process seems to date back to the days of the Romans and has been a continuous process.

Recently a newspaper clipping of a large Homestead near Etzel, Germany has come to me from a relative, Anna Ekhoff, of Etzel, Germany with the legend, A Farmstead From the Vicinity of Etzel, to which my correspondent added the legend: The Steinmetz Home.[1] (From Uthkündiger)

> This substantiates comments by my father as late as 1938 that the original (preacher-farmer) homestead was a much larger place than the home in which he was born. It is, however, not clear whether this large farmstead belonged to Georg Heinrich, Pastor of 1763 - 1767, or some other master farmer.
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> That a chapel with an altar existed in very early times is shown by the structural foundations excavated. Also in early times a very high Light Tower stood to the east

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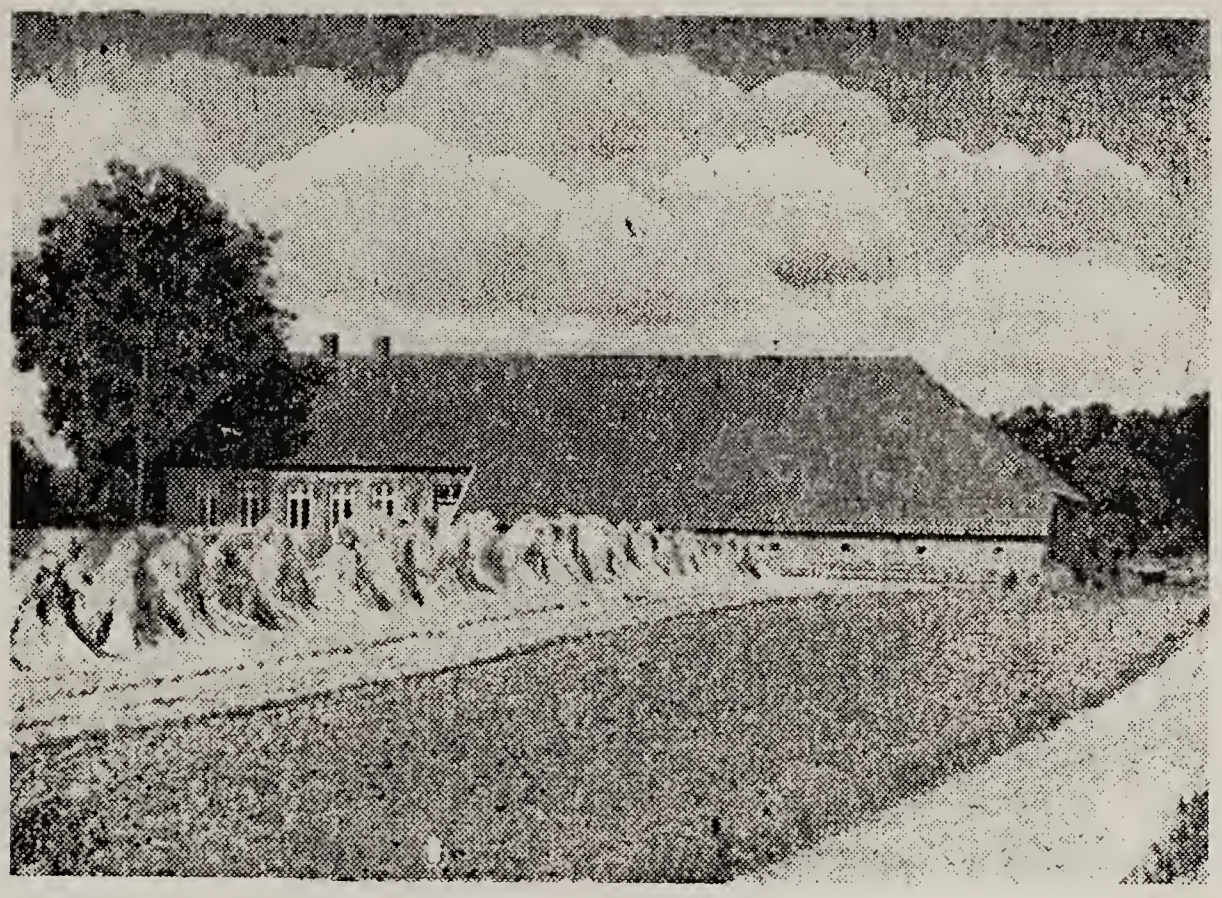
1. See illustration, follows Page 2



Bauernplaats aus der Gegend von Etzel

Das Steinmetsche Haus-
Utkündiger

of the present church which directed ships on the (Jode) bay. The present church tower was built in 1666. The oldest established Pastor was Pastor Berend who worked here in 1408. Another Pastor, Johann Radiker, is said to have been a personal friend of Martin Luther. Source: a clipping enclosed in a letter written by D. B. Alden of Wall Lake, Iowa and sent to my father by cousin Henry Meinen in 1940.

In a recent letter 9 June 1960, from L. Janssen, retired Pastor of the Lutheran Church of Etzel and now residing in Aurich, it is stated that the present church was built about 1300 during the time the congregation was Catholic and that it became Lutheran about 1530. The first Lutheran Pastor was Johannes Radiker a friend of Martin Luther. At the request of Count Edzard of Ostfriesland Luther sent Radiker as a reformer.

Steinmetz, Ferdinand Rudolph Phillip

Georg Heinrich's son, Ferdinand Rudolph Phillip, after an interval, succeeded him as pastor of the Etzel Church from 1781 - 1819. A note taken from the Etzel Church Records by Pastor L. Janssen in 1947 states that John H. Steinmetz was not the first of the family to emigrate to the United States as a Jacob Eberhard August Steinmetz visited a son of Ferdinand Rudolph Phillip in the year 1795 from Charleston, South Carolina. This has been investigated at the War Memorial General Library of Columbia, South Carolina, State Museum and in the city of Charleston. Records were found of his residence at 52 Tradd Street, his place of business and his partnership, Lorent and Steinmetz. He was Prussian Consul for the port of Charleston, and was so recognized by Thos. Jefferson, President of the U. S. A. June 29, 1802. Misc. Records 30 1800 page 603, State of South Carolina. His application for citizenship in the United States is found in Misc. Records 4G page 133 Federal District Court, City of Charleston, June 14, 1799.

A record of a mortgage covering a bill of sale for their property and place of business of Paul Emil Lorent and Jacob Eberhard August Steinmetz to Frances Susannah Pinckney is given in Book of Mortgages 1808 - 1818, NNN pages 173 - 174 in the War Memorial General Library Columbia, South Carolina for the sum of $14,646.67. First payment to be made March 12, 1818. Mr. Steinmetz resigned from a local society known as The Friendly Society, May 28, 1817. Investigations revealed no further presence or intentions of J. E. A. Steinmetz, thus there may still remain members of the family elsewhere in the United States. Jacob Eberhard August Steinmetz was a brother to Ferdinand Rudolph Phillip Steinmetz.

The following tabulation of the Pastor's family is taken from a leaflet[1] prepared by Ludwig Janssen, retired Pastor of Etzel and now residing in Aurich:

<u>Steinmetz</u>, Ferdinand Rudolph Phillip

Pastor in Etzel 1781 - 1819.
Born 16 February 1760 in Reepsholt.
First marriage 13 February 1783 in Reepsholt.
<u>Ortgiesen</u>, Anna Catharina Margaretha
Born 6 March 1762.
Baptized 7 March in Etzel.
Died 20 September 1795 in Etzel.
Children, First marriage:

1. George Heinrich, born 29 March 1784.
2. Anna Friederika, born 10 March 1786, died 13 May 1801.
3. Sebastian Gerhard, born 26 July 1788, died 13 January 1789.
4. Sebastian Gerhard, born 21 December 1789, died 14 October 1791.
5. Christian Charlotte, born 12 July 1792.
6. Ibo August, born 30 March 1795.

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1. Etzeler Uthkundiger 1954/3

Second marriage:
Heinen, Christina Dorothea, born 1767.
Children, Second marriage:
7. Heinrich Anton, born 11 February 1802, died 8 December 1802.
8. Jacob Eberhard August, born 30 September 1805.
9. Heinrich Anton, born 15 May 1807, died 7 June 1807.
10. Catharine Margarethe, born 10 March 1809.
11. Ferdinande Rudolphine Philippine, born 30 March 1811.
12. Ibo August, born 30 January 1815.
13. Anton Eberhard, born 13 June 1817.

Steinmetz, Georg Heinrich (born 1784)

Ferdinand Rudolph Phillip's oldest son, Georg Heinrich, born to his first wife March 29, 1784 in Etzel, is next in line and probably lived in the large farm home as Master Farmer.[1] His first wife, Hilka Maria (Wessels) Steinmetz is mother of Tjarck Steinmetz, born August 29, 1810. It is noted that he was one of triple births. They were baptised September 9 and named Anke, Ferdinand Rudolph Phillip, and Tjarck.[2] Tjarck's older sister, Anna Catharina Margaretha, born in Etzel 12 Aug. 1808 died 11 Apr. 1840. She never married. Georg Heinrich married his deceased wife's sister, Assel Christine Wessels, in 1814. There were five children by the second marriage, thus half-brothers and sisters to Tjarck. A "Dick"[3] Steinmetz came to the U.S.A. and for many years lived in the vicinities of Carlinville and Taylorville, Ill. John H. Steinmetz spoke of him as a son of his half-brother Heinrich. The Etzel Church Record indicates that his full name was George Christian Heinrich (II-h).[4] "Dick" Steinmetz had only

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1. Farmstead in the vicinity of Etzel, Germany , follows Page 2
2. See 12 Apr. 1960 Etzel Church Records. II-b,c,d, follows Page 5
3. "Dick" was his American name.
4. See Apr. 12, 1960 Etzel Church Records. II-h, follows Page 5

L. Janssen
Pastor i. R.
Aurich (Ostfr.)
Lazarettweg 5

Aurich, den 12. April 1960

Five Generations of a Steinmetz Family From Evangelical-Lutheran Church Etzel, Germany, Courtesy L. Janssen i.R.

I. Georg Heinrich Steinmetz, Hausmann in Riepen, 1842 Bauer=
meister und Deputierter,
* 29.3.17 84 in Etzel, + 3.5.1844 in Etzel
oo I. in Horsten 12.5.1807
Hilke Marie Wessels,
* 11.7.1779 in Horsten, + Etzel 12.9.1810 (Wochenbett)
oo II. in Etzel 16.7.1814
Assel Christine Wessels, Schwester der verst. 1. Frau,
* Horsten 8.2.1791, + Etzel 15.3.1842.

Kinder aus 1. Ehe:

II a Anna Catharina Margaretha,
* Etzel 12.8.1808 + Etzel 11.4.1840 (unverh.)
b. Anke (siehe III, a)
c. Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp,
* Etzel 29.8.1810, + Etzel 18.12.1811
d. Tjark, (siehe III b)

Kinder aus 2. Ehe:

e. Hilke Maria,
* Etzel21.5.1815 + 23.12.1824 Etzel
f. Christine Auguste Dorothea,
* Etzel 28.7.1817, + Etzel 4.2.1818
g. Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp (siehe ~~II~~ III c)
h. Georg Christian Heinrich, (siehe III d)
i. Hilke Maria Auguste, (siehe III e)

III a. Anke Steinmetz,
* Etzel 29.8.1810 + Etzel 22.6.1837
oo Etzel 3.2.1837

Five Generations of the Georg Heinrich Steinmetz (born 1784) Family. From Evangelical Lutheran Church Records. Etzel, Germany. Courtesy L. Janssen i. R.

Christoph Bernhard Varenhorst,
Landwirt in Riepen,
* 29.3.1813 in Marx, + Etzel 4.8.1881
Sohn:
Christoph Heinrich Varenhorst,
* Etzel 4.6.1837, + Marx 16.3.1839

III b. Tjarck Steinmetz, Landgebräucher in Riepen,
* Etzel 29.8.1810, + Etzel 20.10.1880
oo Etzel 13.8.1841
Anna Catharina Focken,
* Etzel 22.11.1817, + Etzel 31.12.1897
Kinder, sämtlich in Etzel geboren:
Hilke Maria Steinmetz (IV a.)
Catharina Margaretha (IV b.)
Georg Heinrich (IV c.)
Johann Hermann, * Etzel 9.11.1848 (ging nach Amerika)
Anna Catharina Margarethe, * Etzel 10.4.1851, + ...
Christine Margarethe Dorothea,
* 30.4.1854 in Etzel, + Etzel 17.4.1858
Christian August Ferdinand, * Etzel 22.5.1858, + ...
Christine Auguste Dorothee, * Etzel 11.11.1860, +....

III c. Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz,
Landgebräucher in Stapelstein,
* Etzel 2.10.1819, + ...
oo Etzel 30.5.1848
Elise Rebecca Küper, * Etzel 28.12.1829,+ ...

Kinder:
Georg Heinrich, * 24.7.1849 in Etzel, + ...
Christina Rebecca Lottera,
* Etzel 31.3.1851, + Etzel 13,4.1851.

III d. Georg Christian Heinrich Steinmetz,
Landwirt in Etzel,
* Etzel 29.11.1822 + Etzel 11.5.1854
oo I. Etzel 11.6.1847
Riyte Margarethe Husmann, (Vater: Krämer Jan Dirk Husmann)
* Marx 2.11.1825, + Etzel 2.1.1940
Sohn:
Georg Heinrich St., * Etzel 6.7.1848,+ Etzel 23.8.1871.

oo II. Etzel 7.12.1851
Gerdje Gerdes Buß, ✱ Großefehn 9.7.1825, + ...
(Vater: JohannHinrichs Buß, Großefehn)
Kinder:
Assel Christina Charlotte St., (= IV d.)
Hinrich, ✱ Etzel 6.2.1854, + Etzel 15.7.1854

III e. Hilke Marie Auguste St.,
✱ Etzel 11.5.1826, + ...
oo Marx 28.6.1844
Michel Garnholt Rogge, Hausmann in Marx,
✱ ... + ...

IV. a. Hilke Maria Steinmetz, Dienstmagd in Riepen,
✱ Etzel 4.9.1841, +....
oo Horsten 5.6.1868
Idjer Dirks Meinen, Dienstknecht in Horsten
✱ Horsten 15.8.1832, + ...

IV. b. Catharina Margaretha Steinmetz,
✱ Etzel 31.3.1843, + ...
oo Zetel ....
Johann Fangmann, Weber in Bohlenberge,
✱ Bohlenberge 14.7.1840, + ...

IV c. Georg Heinrich Steinmetz, Landgebräucher in Riepen,
✱ Etzel 5.7.1845, + Etzel 2.10.1933
oo Etzel 20.8.1876
Anna Catharina Gerjets, Dienstmagd in Riepen,
✱ .... + Etzel 6.3.1919
Kinder:
Anna Catharina Margaretha, ✱ Etzel 28.10.1876, + ...
Tjark Georg Heinrich, ✱ Etzel 8.4.1878, + ...
Hilke Catharina Helena, ✱ Etzel 29.5.1880, + ...
Jürgen Johann Hermann (= V a.)
Christine Auguste Ferdinande, ✱ Etzel 22.12.1886, + ...
Hilke Maria Meinen, ✱ Etzel 10.10.1889 (ging nach Amerika?)
Gesine Alwine Hinrike, (= V b.)

IV d. Assel Christine Charlotte Steinmetz,
✱ Etzel 7.4.1852, + Etzel 3.7.1928,
oo Etzel 6.5.1881
Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz,
Landwirt in Riepen,
✱ ... + Etzel 21.3.1932 (80 J. alt)

Kinder:
Antonie Gerhardine Margrethe, ✱ Etzel 27.5.1882
Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp,
✱ Etzel 17.12.1884, + Etzel 19.4.1887
Alwine Margarethe Charlotte, ✱ Etzel 4.2.1888
Wilhelm Ibo August,
✱ Etzel 16.1o.1889, + Etzel ~~16.16~~ 2.4.1917

V a. Jürgen Johann Hermann Steinmetz, Zimmermann in Riepen,
✱ Etzel 22.1.1885 + ...
oo Etzel 19.5.1911
Anna Catharina Eliese Johanne Visser, ausHorsten
✱ ... + ...

V b. ~~Gerke Heinrich~~
Gesine Alwine Hinrike Steinmetz,
✱ Etzel 2.1o.1891
oo Etzel 5.1o.1912
Gerke Heinrich Ekhoff, Ziegeleiarbeiter in Friedeburg,
nachher Straßenwärter und Kirchenvorsteher in Etzel.
✱ ...
Kinder:
Anna Catharina, ✱Etzel 1o.3.1913
Heinrich Matthias, ✱ Etzel 24.2.1915
Maria Margaretha, ✱ Etzel 27.6.192o.

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Tjarck Steinmetz Homestead
Birthplace of John H. Steinmetz

one child, a daughter, Mrs. Henry Gerdt[3] who resides in the vicinity of Edwardsville, Ill. Her husband is deceased. There are several adult children.

The youngest daughter of Georg Heinrich Steinmetz and Assel Christine (Wessels) Steinmetz, Hilke Marie Auguste Steinmetz, married Michel Garnholt Rogge[1] of Marx, Ostfriesland. The record at hand does not give any details of their family. It is, however, known that there were children from this marriage as one Heinrich Rogge whom John H. Steinmetz referred to as a half cousin came to the U.S.A. and resided in the vicinity of Carlinville, Ill. He visited the John H. Steinmetz home near Edwardsville, Illinois on three or more occasions, about 1898 to 1905. It is definitely remembered that he visited father with his wife and 1½ year old child. Later his wife and child died. He again visited father and was very depressed and on departure said he hoped to go to the far West, probably Montana. He was never heard from again. In May 1960 Mrs. Henry Gerdt advised that Henry Rogge had died.

Steinmetz, Tjarck

Tjarck Steinmetz, born 29 August 1810, was the son of a master farmer, Georg Heinrich Steinmetz. He married Anna Catharine Folken 13 August 1841 in Etzel. According to John Herman Steinmetz Tjarck inherited a part of the Steinmetz farmstead on which there was an old wooden frame house.[2] At that time it was remodeled in that an outer

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1. See Apr. 12, 1960 Etzel Church Records, IIIe, follows Page 5
2. See illustration present house, follows Page 6
3. "Dick" Steinmetz's only child

wall of brick was built and a clay tile roof was laid. The soil is known to be poor sand, an acreage of less than 40, yet Tjarck reared a family of seven on it. In addition, Anna Catharine's father lived with them in his later years as did three children of Anna Catharine's brother.[1] The dwelling and barn are as one structure. The living quarters consisted of two clay-floor rooms, a combination kitchen, living and bedroom. Beds are built in bunk form as described by Marie Moller of Ralston, Nebr. (1959.)

At present Tjarck's great-grandson, Ferdinand, lives in the home. At its best, it is in no way equal to the original Steinmetz homestead according to my father. (1938 notes.) This homestead is the place of birth of John Herman Steinmetz.

Steinmetz, Tjarck

Born 29 August 1810; married Folken, Anna Catharine 13 August 1841, born 22 Nov. 1817, Etzel, Germany.
Children:
Steinmetz, Hilka Maria

Born 4 Sept. 1841 in Etzel, Amt Wittmund, Ostfriesland, Germany. Died 3 Mar. 1932, Talmage, Nebr. Married Idjer Dierks Meinen in Horsten, Germany 5 June 1868. Born 15 Aug. 1832 in Horsten, Germany. Died Oct. 1885 in Horsten. Farm hand.

After Idjer's death, Hilka Maria came to the United States in the fall of 1889 with three children.[2] She was invited and aided by her brother, John Herman Steinmetz and family, living near Edwardsville, Illinois. She was 48 when she came to the U.S.A. Hilka Maria and daughter, Margaret, went to Talmage the following March. Her sons, John and Henry, remained with

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1. Letter Anna Ekhoff 1960
2. Discussion of Hilka Maria's family prepared by Irene and Viola Armknecht.

their uncle for an indefinite period. She later married John Tiedkan but they were divorced in the fall of 1896. Hilka died 3 March 1932, Talmage, Nebraska, after being bedfast several years following a broken hip. Interment is at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, N.E. of Talmage, Nebraska.

Children:

1. John Meine Meinen, born 4 April 1869 in Horsten, Ostfriesland, Germany. Came to U.S. in 1889. Moved to Kansas 1925. Married Lizzie Helm, born 5 April 1878. Farmer. Died 2 Sept. 1948. Address: Rush Center, Kansas.

   Children:

   (1) Mary Meinen, born 9 Feb. 1903, Talmage, Nebr. Res: Rush Center, Kansas.
   (2) Anna Meinen, born 1 Aug. 1906, Talmage, Nebr. Res: Rush Center, Kansas
   (3) Minnie (Meinen) David, born Talmage, Nebr. Res: Dodge City, Kansas
   (4) Edna Meinen, born 10 Oct. 1910. Talmage, Nebr. Res: 1403 Ave. C, Dodge City, Kansas
   (5) George Meinen, born 11 Nov. 1912. Talmage, Nebr. Res: Rush Center, Kansas
   (6) Emma Meinen, born 18 Aug. 1915. Talmage, Nebr. Res: Rush Center, Kansas
   (7) Phillip Meinen, born 12 Mar. 1918. Talmage, Nebr. Married. Four children. Res: Greensburg, Kansas.

2. Girl, born 1870, lived only a week.
3. Tjarck Heinrich Meinen, born August 5, 1871, in Horsten, Ostfriesland, Germany.

Henry Meinen and Margaret (Meinen) Wilken's older brother John lived in the vicinity of Talmage, Nebraska from 1889 until 1925 when he and his family moved to western Kansas and settled in the dry farming region. John married Lizzie Helm in Talmage, Nebraska and with their seven children, moved to Rush Center, Kansas. John died 2 Sept. 1948. One daughter, Minnie, married a man named David. They live at Dodge City, Kansas and have no children. The youngest son, Phillip, is married and has four children. They live at Greensburg, Kansas. A daughter, Edna, lives at Dodge City, Kansas

The other four, Mary, Anna, George, and Emma live with their mother on the home farm at Rush Center, Kansas. This information is considered correct as of 1953.

Heinrich went to school until he was 11, confirmed at 14 and started working as farm hand at 14. At the age of 18 he left Germany on Sept. 21, 1889 and arrived in New York Oct. 1 on a steamer. He went to his uncle John Herman Steinmetz's home at Edwardsville, Illinois who was a renter then for whom he worked almost a year. John and Henry went to Talmage, Aug. 15, 1890. Henry worked as a farm hand for John Oetken, and George Teten about three years. In 1893 John and Henry rented a farm and stayed together 1½ years. Henry then went back to Illinois 1894 to 1896 and worked for John Steinmetz; then back to Talmage and worked for Eibens in 1897. Henry received his citizenship papers in 1895. In the fall of 1898, he went back to Illinois and husked corn near Springfield. He returned to Talmage in 1899 and again worked for Eibens. He then rented a farm from John Renken and farmed two years. His mother and sister Margaret stayed with John. Henry and Jake Oetken, a second cousin, went to Germany in 1905 for two months. Hilka Maria Meinen Steinmetz, daughter of George Heinrich, born 1845, a cousin--age 15, came back with them. After Margaret and John were married, Henry's mother kept house for him. In 1911 Henry bought a large farm in the Nemaha River Valley and moved on it in 1912 and sold out in 1919 during World War I inflation and retired at the age of 49. Neighbors had helped with farming after 1915 because of his ill health, and in later years, he could not tolerate hot weather; therefore he spend summers in Colorado. In 1920 Henry and his mother moved to Talmage. Henry's mother

died in 1932, but he continued to live in Talmage until 1935. He sold his house and lived with John Bruns until 1937 but during the summer of 1936, he took a trip to Washington State. In the winter of 1937, he went to Anaheim, California and later he lived in Long Beach, California every winter until 1950. He went back to Talmage the first of March each year and lived in Beatrice, Nebr. three springs and autumns (1937 - 1939) and spent the summer each year until 1950 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In August 1951 he had a stroke and was hospitalized six weeks in Long Beach. He spent about five months in a rest home and then lived with Mrs. Pearl Abercrombie at 1109 Los Alamitoes, Long Beach, California after Feb. 14, 1952 until the time of his death on April 19, 1955, at the age of 83 years, interment at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Talmage, Nebraska. He never married.

Henry was a very conservative fellow for his own needs but was generous to his friends and relatives in need. He aided relatives from Germany to the United States, helped to relieve some of his friends' debts, and contributed generously to his brother's family in Kansas. During his retirement, he spent much of his time reading, listening to court proceedings, and being among people. He was well versed on world affairs. His visits to relatives were short and gave the impression of "always being in a hurry."

4. Twins---Margaret Catherine and Catherine Margaret---born in 1875. Died at three months with whooping cough in Germany.
5. Margaret Catherine Meinen, born Sept. 12, 1879 in

Horsten, Ostfriesland, Germany, came to U.S. in the fall of 1889 at the age of 10, married Bernt Janssen Wilken Sept. 4, 1901 near Talmage, Nebr. at Meinen home. She died of pulmonary tuberculosis during childbirth. Her

second child, a baby girl, was buried with her. She died June 13, 1904, Lorten, Nebr., interment at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Talmage, Nebraska.

Husband; Bernt Janssen Wilken, born Sept. 9, 1869, Leerhase, Ostfriesland, Germany. (After Margaret Catherine's death, Bernt married Augusta Eda Knake March 9, 1905. They had nine children. Augusta died Sept. 10, 1931.) Bernt was a farmer and died March 10, 1942, Sterling, Nebraska, interment at Lutheran Cemetery N.W. of Sterling, Nebraska.

Children of Margaret Catherine:

(1) Alma Marie Wilken, born December 19, 1902, Lorton, Nebraska. Alma married Harry Henry Armknecht Sept. 14, 1921. Died April 26, 1947, Omaha, Nebraska. Interment at Lutheran Cemetery N.W. of Cook, Nebr.

Husband: Harry Henry Armknecht, born May 17, 1899, Cook, Nebr. Married Leta Fahrenholz after Alma Marie's death Sept. 14, 1949. Farmer. Address: Talmage.

Alma Wilken Armknecht did not have the opportunity to complete grade school. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. While attending confirmation school, she learned to read German. This was an asset to her because later she was called upon by her husband's brothers and sisters to read the German letters written by her Mother-In-Law (Armknecht). At the age of 14, she was considered "on her own" and was employed in several farm homes as a hired girl. She was working for the P. J. Armknecht family when she met his son, Harry, whom she married at 18 years of age. P. J. Armknecht's retired to Excelsior springs, Missouri; and, Harry and Alma remained farming the Armknecht home place. Much of her life was spent in ill health. She had a quiet, uncomplaining, submissive-type per-

sonality. She frequently expressed that she did not wish to live to an old age. She did not want to become a burden to anyone. Her wish was fulfilled when God called her to His Home at the age of 44. Her hobbies were house-plants, crocheting, and an interest in family history. Her memory for recalling dates and events was remarkable. She also was an excellent speller.

Children:

1) Albert Henry Armknecht, born Nov. 21, 1923, Talmage, Nebraska. Occupation: Farmer. Married: Barbara Arline Wellsandt December 19, 1946. Address: Talmage, Nebraska. Wife: Barbara Arline Wellsandt, born Feb. 18, 1925, Cook, Nebraska. Albert was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and is now a member of the Grace Lutheran Church, Cook, Nebr. He completed his eight years of grade school education but his father persuaded him to stay home on the farm and work since the trend at that time was that a young man was better off working at home for his parents than receiving a formal education. It was one of the Armknecht family traditions that a child owed it to his parents to stay home and work until he was 21 years of age; and, if he fulfilled his obligation, he received $400 on his 21st birthday. However, if a child left home prior to this time to get married or seek other employment, he did not receive the $400. This tradition may have had its merit when it originated, but the current time makes it no longer practicable and it is not followed today. The Armknecht family was known to be industrious and conservative. Family recreation was limited to County and State Fairs and an occasional movie. Dancing and athletic sports were unknown to the family. Social drinking of beer and wine was an accepted custom; however, smoking was not approved, a principle to which

most members of the family still adhere. Albert was drafted into the U.S. Army in June 1945. He received his basic training in Camp Hood, Texas; later he spent almost a year in Naples, Italy. He was detailed as an ambulance driver; however, one day as he was conversing with a German Prisoner-of-War, he was overheard by an American officer and thereafter was given the assignment as interpreter for the German P. W.'s. He received a rating of Private First Class. He was not in any combat as the war (World War II) was over before he left on his overseas assignment. He was discharged Nov. 1946. On 19 December 1946 he was married to Barbara Arline Wellsandt in a Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. He has been engaged in farming on several different farms between the Cook and Talmage communities. He attended Agricultural classes sponsored by the State for veterans on the G. I. Bill.

Children:

1. Barbara Alma, born 13 Oct. 1947, Tecumseh, Nebraska.
2. David Arlin, born 23 Feb. 1949, Nebraska City, Nebraska.
3. Cheryl Ann, born 9 Nov. 1951, Nebraska City, Nebraska.
4. Dennis Albert, born 27 June 1953, Syracuse, Nebraska.
5. Joyce Arline, born 9 Oct. 1955, Syracuse, Nebraska.
6. Bonnie Aileen, born 10 July 1958, Syracuse, Nebraska.

2) Irene Ida Armknecht, born 13 August 1927, Talmage, Nebr.

R. N. and Stenographer. Address: 810 North 44th Street, Apt. 6, Omaha 31, Nebraska.

Irene and Viola were baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and are now members of the First Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) Omaha, Nebraska. During pre-school age their parents spoke a mixture of German and English but predominately German. On Irene's first day in school, the teacher asked her to bring him the "dust pan." She looked at him

blankly as she didn't understand what he wanted, finally he got it himself. She watched what he was getting and when she learned what it was, she was overcome with embarrassment and thought to herself, "I bet he thinks we don't even have one at home." Irene completed her eighth grade education in the same one-room schoolhouse where her aunts, uncles, father and Albert had and where Robert and Viola would also receive their grade school education. Irene wanted to further her education; and, after constant pleading, her parents finally "gave in" and made arrangements for her to stay with her mother's half-sister in Cook. The rules were firmly instilled to go for education only and not to join the extracurricular activities, such as sports, school parties, etc., nor should it be found that one of the Armknechts was seen roaming the streets after school hours or during the evening. Another agreement made was that she should serve at home one year after she graduated. Graduation came in May 1945 and fulfilling her promise she assisted with the housework. Their mother's health was failing. On 10 March 1947 she became seriously ill and had large emesis of bright red blood. The doctor immediately placed her in the local hospital and began treatment for a bleeding peptic ulcer. After 18 days she showed some improvement and was discharged to her home. The doctor, however, was not entirely satisfied with her condition and made arrangements for her to enter the Immanuel Lutheran Hospital in Omaha, Nebr. on 20 April 1947. A few days later, the family went to see her, a drastic change in her condition had taken place as she was now in a semi-comatose state. On 26 April 1947, she passed away. An autopsy revealed the cause of death was a glioblastoma (carcinoma of the brain). Viola was now in her 10th year in high school. Irene continued to remain on the farm

and keep house for her father, Robert and Viola. Viola's graduation from Cook High School came in May 1949.

In Sept. 1949 Harry Henry Armknecht married Leta Fahrenholz and continued his farming career on Leta's farm near Talmage. During the same month, Irene and Viola entered nurses training at Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Omaha, Nebraska. This was their first experience away from the farm home; thus they found the new surroundings and environment quite a contrast. After three years of studying and experiencing every phase of nursing and meeting the requirements of the Nebraska State Boards, they became Registered Nurses.

To satisfy their desire for travel, together they agreed their first job would be out of the State. After some research and interviews they decided upon the Lutheran Hospitals and Homes Society for their first employment. The Society managed hospitals in the seven-state area and Loveland, Colorado was chosen. Upon arrival, the Administration asked them to lend a helping hand in the Good Samaritan Hospital, Sterling, Colorado, during a shortage of professional help. After two months they returned to Loveland Memorial Hospital, their original place of employment. Loveland is situated in beautiful surroundings with snow-capped mountains stretching high above to the west with gentle rolling, irrigated farm lands spreading eastward. During their stay in Loveland several letters were received from Ann Hansen, a registered nurse and friend of their Great Uncle Henry Meinen urging them to come to Long Beach, California. After pondering the urgency they decided not to make the big move without first seeing the situation. The superintendent granted a week leave of sbsence. It was planned to take

the train but because of heavy snow there would be a delay in schedule so they boarded a bus decked out in their best duds. After two days and two nights in the same position on the bus, they were "sorry sights" upon arrival in Long Beach but nonetheless their uncle Henry was pleased. He begged them to remain near him in Long Beach. This was December; the mild climate, green grass and flowers blooming impressed them. They then returned to Loveland to put in a proper resignation and moved to Long Beach in January 1953.

Their first employment was at Seaside Memorial Hospital as general duty nurses on medical wards. They rotated day and evening shifts but were fortunate in having the same hours.

Weekly visits were made with their uncle Henry who was living in a private rest home operated by Mrs. Pearl Abercrombie. Henry's stroke had left him with paralysis of one side and a speech impairment. It was through these visits that they learned of distant cousins, Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Steinmetz, then living in Orono, Maine.

While in nurses training, a Navy Nurse recruiter lectured on military nursing in the Navy. This had left a great impression in their minds. While at Seaside, they worked with many ex-service nurses whom they thought were exceptionally good and thus received a great deal of respect from their patients and fellow co-workers. Once again, military nursing occupied their minds and after awhile it was evident that this would be their next adventure. Before entering the Navy Nurse Corps they thought it best to locate in their native Nebraska while they were being processed and with baggage packed they departed by automobile from Long Beach July 1954.

Once again, they were employed with the Lutheran Hospitals and Homes Society, assigned to the 20-bed rural Lundberg Memorial Hospital in Creighton, Nebraska. Again, they were assigned rotating shifts with every phase of nursing.

Finally orders from the U.S. Navy Department arrived requesting them to report to St. Albans, New York on 25 March 1955 for 5½ weeks of indoctrination. The permanent duty station would be U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California. Much of the time in the Navy was spent doing Psychiatric nursing. Although little travel was experienced while in the Navy they met people from all sections of the country and all walks of life. It was a wonderful experience that neither shall ever forget. The rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade was attained (and this commission in the inactive duty status in the U.S.N.R. is still held). They were released in March 1957 to inactive duty and returned to their native Nebraska.

Their next employment was at the Veterans Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska. Again they were doing general duty nursing--Irene on a medical ward and Viola on orthopedic and chest surgery ward. Their hours of duty were not the same and the rotation of shifts became more frequent.

After six years (nine years including nurses training) of rotating shifts, they felt ready for a regular day-time job and this prompted them to enter the business world. Since they were unprepared to accept a business position, they enrolled in Commercial Extension School of Commerce, Omaha, Nebraska, taking the secretarial course. Viola received her diploma in Oct. 1959 and Irene in Dec. 1959. At the present time, both have stenographic positions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha, Nebraska and are working in the same building and enjoying the same hours.

3) Robert Charles Armknecht, born 3 Oct. 1929, Talmage, Nebraska. Occupation: Farmer. Married: Ruth Elaine Brandt, 5 June 1949. Address: Talmage, Nebraska. Wife: Ruth Elaine Brandt, born 25 March 1931, Cook, Nebr. Robert was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and is a member of the Grace Lutheran Church, Cook, Nebraska. At the time he was ready for high school, his older sister, Irene had paved the way for further education and without further ado he entered high school in the Cook Public School and graduated in 1947. He remained on the farm and helped his father. On 5 June 1949 he married Ruth Elaine Brandt in the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Osage, which is located between Cook and Talmage. Robert is engaged in farming and has been farming his father's farm (the former P. J. Armknecht family home) since his marriage.

Children:

1. Bruce Robert, born 28 Aug. 1950, Nebraska City, Nebraska.
2. James Allen, born 15 Dec. 1951, Nebraska City, Nebraska.
3. Janice Elaine, born 27 Nov. 1954, Syracuse, Nebraska.
4. Diane Ruth, born 9 Aug. 1959, Syracuse, Nebraska.

4) Viola Sena Armknecht, born 3 Dec. 1931, Talmage, Nebraska. R. N. and Stenographer. Address: 810 North 44th Street, Apt. 6, Omaha 31, Nebraska. For history see 2) regarding Irene Ida Armknecht.

Familie Fangman, Zetel

Johann Fangmann, geb. 14.7.40, gest. 30.12.06, Zetel
Catharina Margaretha Steinmetz, 31.3.1843 Etzel – 26.8.95. Zetel

6 Söhne, nämlich:

1.) Johann Fangmann, Zetel
geb. 5.2.68. – gest. 1921
Margarete Helmerichs
verstorben

zu 1)
- a) Johann Fangmann – lebt
  Wilma Jürgens – lebt
  (Wohnort: Zetel i. Oldbg.)
  1 Sohn – lebt
- b) Magda Fangmann
  lebt
  (Krankenhaus-Heim)
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2.) Hinrich Fangmann, Oldenburg
geb. 2.10.72 – gest. 1944
Gesine Ahrens
verstorben 1946

zu 2)
- a) Hans Fangmann – lebt
  Agnes Decker – lebt
  (Wohnort: Oldenburg)
  1 Sohn – lebt
- b.) Martha Fangmann – lebt
  Diedrich Onken – lebt
  (Wohnort: Delfshausen i. O.)
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3) Heinrich Fangmann, Wardenburg
geb. 21.12.75 – gest. 1944
Anna Speckmann
verstorben 1944

zu 3)
- Johannes Fangmann – lebt
  Erna Hegeler – lebt
  (Wohnort: Wardenburg i. Oldbg.)
  1 Sohn – lebt

4) Fritz Fangmann, Oldenburg
geb. 2.5.79. – gest. 1941
Anna Stöver
geb. 24.9.81 lebt

zu 4)
- a) Hans Fangmann – lebt
  Wilhelmine Seelje – lebt
  (Wohnort: Wardenburg i. O.)
  2 Söhne – leben
- b.) Georg Fangmann lebt
  verheiratet im Staate ~~Jopea~~ Mo. U.S.A.
  ~~8135 Brentwood 17~~
  ?
  8135 Manchester Rd.
  Brentwood, Mo.
- c) Martha Fangmann – lebt
  Diedrich Rogge – lebt
  (Wohnort: Bentstreek)
  2 Töchter, 1 Sohn – leben

5.) Hermann Fangmann, Wardenburg
geb. 16.3.84 lebt
Anna Ahrens
geb. 25.4.80. – verstorben 1941

zu 5)
- a) Fritz Fangmann – lebt
  Esther Göbels – lebt
  (Wohnort: St. Louis – U.S.A.)
  3 Töchter, 1 Sohn – leben
- b.) Ella Fangmann – lebt
  Fritz Hollje – lebt
  (Wohnort: Oberlethe i. Oldbg.)
  2 Söhne – leben

6.) Carl Fangmann, Marx i. Ostfr.
geb. 13.8.88. lebt
Martha Schütte
geb. 9.1.86. – gest. 20.3.30.

zu 6)
- a) Hermann Fangmann – gefallen
  Gesine Kreyenborg – lebt
  1 Sohn – lebt
  (Wohnort: Marx i. Ostfr.)
- b.) Marie Fangmann – lebt
  (Wohnort: Marx)
  — . —
- c) Hertha Fangmann – lebt
  Hermann Eckhoff – lebt
  1 Sohn – lebt
  (Wohnort: Neustadtgödens i. Ostfr.)

II. Steinmetz, Catharine Margaretha

Catharine Margaretha Steinmetz, born in Etzel, 31 March 1843. Died 26 Aug. 1895 in Zetel, Germany. Married Johann Fangmann,[1] born 14 July 1840. Died 30 Dec. 1906 in Zetel, Germany.

Children:

1. Johann Fangmann, born 5 Feb. 1868. Died 1921 in Zetel. Married Margarete Helmerichs, 30 June 1908. Farmer.

   Children:

   (1) Johann Fangmann. Married Wilma Jürgens.
   Res: Zetel, Oldenburg, Germany.

   Children: One son.

   (2) Magda Fangmann. In invalid's home.

2. Hinrich Fangmann, born 2 Oct. 1872. Died 1944. Married Gesine Ahrens. Died 1946. Resided in Oldenburg. Shoemaker.

   Children:

   (1) Hans Fangmann. Married Agnes Decker.
   Res: Oldenburg.

   Children: One son.

   (2) Martha Fangmann. Married Diedrich Onken.
   Res: Delfshausen, Oldenburg.

3. Heinrich Fangmann, born 21 Dec. 1875. Died 1944. Married Anna Speckmann. Died in 1944. Res: Wardenburg. Dressler.

   Children:

   (1) Johannes Fangmann. Married Erna Hegeler. Res: Wardenburg, Oldenburg.

   Children: One son.

4. Fritz Fangmann, born 2 May 1879. Died 1941. Married Anna Stober, born 24 Sept. 1881. Res: Oldenburg. Fritz was a war bombing casualty.

   Children:

   (1) Fred Henry Fangmann. Res: 4911 Valley Crest Drive, St. Louis 28, Missouri. Baker. Born 13 Mar. 1907, Wardenburg, Germany. Arrived on the Ship Columbus at New York Harbor and reached his destination at Edwardsville, Ill. 13 May 1925. Married Esther Goebels,

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1. Outline of Family follows Page 18.

born 23 July 1909, Bunker Hill, Illinois.
Marriage 15 Feb. 1931.

Children:

1) Mary Ann, born 8 June 1932, St. Louis, Mo. Married William Haukop 19 Apr. 1952. Born 17 Feb. 1925, St. Louis, Mo. Mary Ann is a High School graduate and is employed as a secretary while her husband is enrolled in third year engineering course at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.

2) Jean Kathryn, born 16 Oct. 1936, St. Louis, Mo. Married David Steinberger, born 2 Dec. 1933, San Fernando, Calif. They both graduated from Culver Stockton College. Jean majored in Education and taught 1st grade two years at Skokie, Ill. David majored in Business Administration and is now with the American Steel and Foundry Co. Res: 550 Sherman, Evanston, Ill.

3) Fred William, born 6 July 1938, St. Louis, Mo. He has met his military obligation and is completing his third year at the University of Missouri, majoring in Business and Accounting.

4) Judith Mae, born 26 May 1941, St. Louis, Mo. Completed her second year at the University of Missouri majoring in Art and Education.

(2) Ella Fangmann. Married Fritz Hollje. Res: Oberlethe, Oldenburg.

Children: Two sons.

5. Herman Fangmann, born 16 Mar. 1884. Married Anna Ahrens, born 25 April 1880. Died 1941. Res: Wardenburg. Industrial employee.

Children:

(1) Hans Fangmann. Married Wilhelmine Seelji. Res: Wardenburg, Oldenburg.

Children: Two sons.

(2) Georg Fangmann, born 24 June 1908 in Wardenburg. Married Hildegard Marie Kuntze, born 21 Aug. 1909 in Altenburg, Missouri 28 Apr. 1935. Res: Brentwood, Missouri. Came to Edwardsville, Ill. 28 Oct. 1928. Obtained employment in St. Louis, Mo. Shoe Factory trade.

Children:
1) Ronald, born 30 Dec. 1943.

(3) Martha Fangmann. Married Diedrich Rogge.
Res: Bentsreek, Germany.

Children: Two daughters, one son.

6. Carl Fangmann, born 13 Aug. 1888. Married Martha Schutte, born 9 Jan. 1886. Died 20 Mar. 1930. Res: Marx, Ostfriesland, Germany. Baker.

Children:
(1) Herman Fangmann - war casualty. Married Gesine Kreyenborg. Res: Marx in Ostfriesland.

Children: One son.

(2) Marie Fangmann. Res: Marx in Ostfriesland.

(3) Hertha Fangmann. Married Hermann Eckhoff.
Res: Neustadtgodens in Ostfriesland.

Children: One son.

Catharine Margaretha married Johann Fangmann of Zetel, Germany. To them six sons were born, all of which remained in their homeland. Fred, the son of Fritz, migrated to the U.S.A. Fred was born 13 March 1907 in Wardenburg, Germany and now resides in St. Louis, Missouri. He was encouraged and assisted by John H. Steinmetz in his immigration to the U.S.A. He arrived at the home of John Steinmetz, Edwardsville, Illinois, 13 May 1925 where he remained approximately one year doing farm work for John Steinmetz and others in the vicinity. Fred, however, had served as apprentice to a baker in Germany. As a result, he had an interest in going into the Home Bakery business for which he was well qualified. Early in 1926 he obtained employment in a home bakery in St. Louis, Missouri, where he married Esther Goebel, Bunker Hill, Illinois, 13 Feb. 1931. In 1932 he was operating a bakery of his own. He has been very successful in business and has become

an influence in American life. They have four children as shown in the outline above.

Another grandson of Johann and Catharine Margaretha, Georg, born 24 June 1908 in Wardenburg, Germany came to U.S.A. and arrived at the home of John H. Steinmetz 28 October 1928. After three weeks, he found employment in a shoe factory in St. Louis, Missouri, which was in a trade he had learned in Germany. He married Hildegard Marie Kunze of Altenburg, Missouri on 28 April 1935. They have one son, Ronald, born 30 December 1943. They reside at 8135 Manchester Rd., Brentwood 17, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis.

Zusammengestellt durch:
F Heinrich Steinmetz,
Zetel in Oldenburg.
18.8.1950.

Familie Steinmetz, Etzel (Ostfriesland)

Georg Heinrich Steinmetz, geb. 5.7.45. gest. 2.10.33. Etzel
Anna Catharine Gerjets, geb. 3.8.51 Hesel, " 6.3.19. "

7 Kinder, nämlich:

1.) Anna Catharina Steinmetz
geb. 28.10.75. lebt
Eduard Trautmann
geb. 28.6.74. lebt
(Wilhelmshaven – Genossenschafts-Strasse)
Kinderlos

2.) Tiark Georg Heinrich Steinmetz
geb. 8.4.77. gest. August 1950
Catharine Wilken
geb. 1897 lebt
(Etzel i. Ostfriesland)

zu 2.)

a) Heinrich Steinmetz
geb. 1920 lebt
Marie Dols
geb. 1914 lebt
(Mullberg i. Ostfr.)

b.) Hinrich Steinmetz
geb. 1922 – kriegsvermisst

c) Ferdinand Steinmetz
geb. 1925 lebt
Sophie Gertje
geb. 1925 lebt
(Etzel i Ostfriesland)

d.) Arnold Steinmetz
geb. 1932 – lebt
(arbeitet im Rheinland)

3.) und 4.) F, Catharine Helene Steinmetz
geb. 29.5.80. gest. 1.12.10
Christine Ferdinande Steinmetz
geb. 22.12.86. gest. 21.6.17
Diedrich Lammers
geb. 28.10.69. gest. 13.12.52.
(Grabstede i. Oldenburg)

zu 3.) u. 4.)

F, Johannes Lammers
geb. 29.2.08. lebt
Maria Hönken
geb. 19.8.05. lebt
(Grabstede i. Oldenburg)

5.) Jürgen Johann Hermann Steinmetz
geb. 22.1.85. lebt
kan Catharine Helene Johanne Dissar
geb. 2.1.88. lebt
(Etzel i. Ostfriesland)

zu 5.)

a) Heinrich Steinmetz F
geb. 1.8.12. lebt
Gerda Abeler
geb. 16.10.15. lebt
(Zetel i. Oldenburg)
Kinder:
Horst geb. 7.5.39.
Ingrid " 16.3.41.
Waltraud " 20.11.43.

b.) Johann Steinmetz
geb. 5.10.19 lebt
Anni Janssen
geb. 3.11.21. lebt
(Etzel i. Ostfriesland)

6.) Gesine Alwine Hinrike Steinmetz
geb. 2.10.91 lebt
Heinrich Ekhoff
geb. 12.5.90. lebt
(Etzel i. Ostfriesland)

zu 6.)

a) Anni Ekhoff, geb. 10.2.13. lebt
Emil Hinrichs, geb. 19.4.11. lebt
(Schortens i. Oldenburg)
Kinder:
Elimar geb. 26.1.35, Anelise geb. 17.9.40.

b.) Heinrich Ekhoff, geb. 24.2.15, gefallen 1945 Estland
Alma Schumacher, geb. 12.5.13., lebt
(Etzel i. Ostfriesland)
Kinder:
Erika geb. 26.12.35., Heinz geb. 15.12.37.
Alide geb. 9.9.39.

c.) Marie Ekhoff, geb. 27.6.25., lebt
Fritz Günther, geb. 10.10.12., lebt
(Etzel i. Ostfriesland)
Kinder:
Adelgunde geb. 1.1.39., Marion geb. 1.10.51.

7.) Marie Steinmetz, geb. 10.10.89., lebt
Heinrich Moeller, geb. 30.6.83 verstorben 16.10.1948

Mildred Moeller, geb. 9.3.13., lebt
Charles Kresel geb 30-1-98 lebt
(Omaha-Nebraska-U.S.A.)

Alberta Moeller. geb 4-2-10 gest 27-5-21

Familie Heeren, Friedeburg i. Ostfriesland.

Anna Catharine Margarete Steinmetz, geb. 10.4.1851, gest. 28.9.34.
Harm Heeren, geb. 2.2.1840, gest. 26.6.33.
1 Tochter, nämlich:
Anna Marie Heeren, geb. 24.2.85, lebt, nicht verheiratet.

III. Steinmetz, Georg Heinrich

Georg Heinrich Steinmetz,[1] born 5 July 1845, Etzel, Ostfriesland, Germany. Married Anna Catharine Gerjets, 20 Aug. 1876, born 3 May 1851 in Hesel, Germany. Georg Heinrich died 2 Oct. 1933 in Etzel. Anna Catharine died 6 Mar. 1919. They lived on the Tjarck Steinmetz family homestead. Farmer.

Children:

1. Anna Catharine Steinmetz, born 28 Oct. 1876. Married Edward Trautmann, born 28 June 1874. Address: Wilhelmshafen, Genossenschafts, Strasse, Germany. Edward died in 1958. Shoemaker.

2. Tjarck Georg Heinrich Steinmetz, born 8 Apr. 1878. Married Catharine Wilken, born 1897. Address: Etzel, Ostfriesland, Germany. Tjarck Georg died in 1950. Catharine was living in 1953. They lived on the Tjarck Steinmetz homestead. Farmer.

   Children:

   (1) Heinrich, born in 1920. Married Marie Puls, born 1924. Address: Mullberg, in Ostfriesland.

   (2) Hinrich, born 1922, missing World War II.

   (3) Ferdinand, born 1925. Married Sophie Gertje 1953. Resides with Ferdinand's mother on Steinmetz homestead. Farmer.

   Children:

   1) Karen, born 9 Nov. 1953 in Etzel.

   (4) Arnold, born 1932. Industrial employee.

3. Hilke Catharine Helene Steinmetz, born 29 May 1880. Died 1 Dec. 1910. Married Diedrich Lämmers, born 28 Oct. 1869. Died 13 Dec. 1952. Resided in Oldenburg.

   Children:

   (1) Johannes Lämmers, born 29 Feb. 1908. Married Marie Höpken, born 19 Aug. 1905. Res: Grabstede in Oldenburg.

4. Christine Auguste Ferdinande Steinmetz, born 22 Dec. 1886. Died 24 June 1917. Married Catharine Helene's husband. No children.

5. Jürgen Johann Hermann Steinmetz, born 22 Jan. 1885. Married Anna Catharine Eliese Helene Johanne Visser, 19 May 1911,

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1. Outline of Family follows Page 22

born 2 Jan. 1888. Dcd. Res: Etzel. Carpenter.

Children:

(1) Heinrich Steinmetz, born 1 Aug. 1912. Married Gerda Abeler, born 16 Oct. 1915. Res: Zetel in Oldenburg. Heinrich supplied data for members of the Steinmetz, Fangmann, Ekhoff and Heeren families in 1953 from Germany. Bank employee in Zetel.

Children:

1) Horst, born 7 May 1939.

2) Ingrid, born 16 Mar. 1941.

3) Waltrand, born 20 Nov. 1943.

(2) Johann Steinmetz, born 5 Oct. 1919. Married Anni Janssen, born 3 Nov. 1921. Res: Etzel, in Oldenburg.

6. Gesine Alwine Hinrike Steinmetz, born 2 Oct. 1891. Married Heinrich Ekhoff, 5 Oct. 1912, born 12 May 1890. Res: Etzel, in Ostfriesland. Brickyard employee, later a Highway Foreman. Church Trustee.

Children:

(1) Anna Catharina Ekhoff, born 10 Mar. 1913. Married Emil Hinrichs, born 19 April 1911. Res: Schortens in Oldenburg.

Children:

1) Elimar, born 26 Jan. 1935.

2) Annilese, born 17 Sept. 1940.

(2) Heinrich Matthias Ekhoff, born 24 Feb. 1915. War Casualty 1945. Married Alma Schumacher, born 12 May 1913. Res: Etzel in Ostfriesland.

Children:

1) Erika, born 26 Dec. 1935.

2) Heinz, born 15 Dec. 1937.

3) Alide, born 9 Sept. 1939.

(3) Marie Margaretha Ekhoff, born 27 June 1920. Married Fritz Gunther, born 10 Oct. 1912. Res: Etzel.

Children:

1) Adelgunde, born 1 Jan. 1939.

2) Marion, born 1 Oct. 1951

7. Hilka Maria Meinen Steinmetz, born in Etzel 10 Oct. 1889, Maria came to U. S. Talmage, Nebraska in 1905. Married Heinrich Moller, Talmage, Nebraska in 1908, born 30 June 1883. Died 1945. Res: Ralston, Nebr., 8016 Oakwood St.

   Children:
   (1) Alberta Anna Maria Moller, born 4 Feb. 1910, Talmage, Nebraska. Died 27 May 1921.

   (2) Mildred Elnora Moller, born 9 Mar. 1913 Talmage, Nebraska. Married Charles Kresl, born 30 Jan. 1897 in Omaha, Nebraska, 25 July 1943. Res: 8016 Oakwood St., Ralston, Nebraska.

Georg Heinrich, who lived on the Tjarck Steinmetz homestead, had seven children of which the youngest came to the U.S.A. Henry Meinen, of Talmage, Nebraska, accompanied by Jacob Oetken, of Cook, Nebraska, were visiting in Germany when Hilka Maria Meinen Steinmetz decided to come back with them and settle in the U.S.A. She lived with her aunt, Hilka Maria Meinen, near Talmage, Nebraska for a time. She married Heinrich Moller in 1908. Two daughters were born. The oldest daughter, Alberta Anna Maria, born 4 February 1910, died 27 May 1921. The second daughter, Mildred Elnora Jessina, born 9 March 1913, married Charles Kresl of Omaha, Nebraska, 25 July 1943. They have no children. Maria, Mildred's mother, lives with them at 8016 Oakwood Street, Ralston, Nebraska, a suburb of Omaha. Maria's husband, Heinrich Moller died in 1945. Charles is in the hardware business and Mildred is a clerk and bookkeeper.

Steinmetz, Johann Phillip
born Kirchberg Germany
circa 1680

Steinmetz, Georg Heinrich
born in Esens, Germany
1 May 1729

Foche, Johansen x Wiemcke

Steinmetz, Ferdinand R. Phillip
born in Etzel, Germany
16 Feb. 1760

Folken, Johann Köther x Gesche Hicken
born in Etzel, Germany
10 Oct 1733

Children:
Stillohn
Anna Catharine
Talke
Dirk

Steinmetz, Georg Heinrich x
born in Etzel, Germany
29 March 1784

I. Hilke Maria Wessels
II. Assel Christine Wessels

Folken, Johann x Trienke M. Eckhoff
born 24 Sept. 1774 born 6 Oct. 1780

Steinmetz, Tjarck x Anna C. Folken
born in Etzel, Germany
29 August 1810

Folken, Stillohn x ?

Children:
Berndt
Dirk
Johann
Harm

Steinmetz, Johann H. x E. M. Sophia Krome
born in Etzel, Germany
9 November 1848

Children:
Anna
Louise
John
Ferdinand
Henry
Hilda

Folken, Berndt x Johanna Frerichs

Children: born 1873
Fritz
Catharine

Source Material
1. Church Records - Etzel, Germany
2. Conference with John H. Steinmetz 1938
3. Letter - Hellene Juilfs Talmage, Nebr.
4. Letter - Anna Eckhoff Etzel, Germany 1960
5. Old letters of John Steinmetz
6. Armknecht Sisters. Omaha, Nebr.

John H. Steinmetz cousins
Berndt Folken
John Arend Eckhoff
Talke Maria Eckhoff
Margretta Eckhoff

Compiled by
Ferdinand H. Steinmetz
July 1960

Eckhoff, Joh. Joachim x Talke Folken
born circa 1810 Married 1834

Children
John Arend
Margretta
Talke Marie

Eckhoff, John Arend x ?
born 1836

Children: Anna Catharine
born 1875

Children of Margretta
Mrs. Anna Maria Steinmetz
Mrs. Hellene Juilfs
George

Eckhoff, John x Margretta Eckhoff
(unrelated) born 1839

Oetken, John x Talke Maria Eckhoff
born circa 1850

Children:
Jacob - born 1880
Mrs. Fred Wendell

John Herman Steinmetz Ancestry

IV. Steinmetz, Johann Herman

Johann Herman Steinmetz[1] was born 9 Nov. 1848 in Etzel, Amt Wittmund, Ostfriesland, Germany. Arrived Bethalto, Illinois 21 June 1870. Married Engel Maria Sophia Krome, 28 Feb. 1878 in Edwardsville, Illinois. Born 4 Jan. 1858 in Pollhagen, Fürstenthum, Bückelborg Schamburg Lippe, Germany. Died 12 Oct. 1913. Edwardsville, Illinois. Farmer.

Children:

1. Anna M. (Steinmetz) Schaefer, born 12 Dec. 1878, Edwardsville, Twp. Madison Co., Illinois. Married John Herman Henry Schaefer 11 Feb. 1902 Edwardsville, Illinois, born 29 Dec. 1872 near Peters Station, Madison Co., Illinois. Died 2 July 1921. Farmer. Anna resides in Alhambra, Ill.

   Children:

   (1) Alfred J. H. Schaefer, born 5 Mar. 1903, Collinsville, Twp. Madison Co., Illinois. Married: Sophia Daube 16 Jan. 1924. Died 10 Jan. 1955, Granite City, Ill. Born 13 May 1904, Hamel Twp. Madison Co., Ill. Alfred married Rutha May (Capp) Pierce 24 Sept. 1955; Rutha, born 1 May 1902. Res: 4808 Chapin Rd., Independence, Mo. Carpenter.

   Children: (First marriage)

   1) Margaret Ann, born 20 Dec. 1924, Fort Russell Twp. Madison Co., Illinois. Married Matthew Fagan 6 Apr. 1946, Edwardsville, Illinois. Res: 336 Cameron Road, St. Louis, Missouri. Trucking business.

      Children:

      (a) Steven Patrick, born 17 July 1950, Granite City, Illinois.

      (b) Michael Kevin, born 23 June 1952, St. Louis, Missouri.

   2) Elvira Nora, born 29 Sept. 1927, Edwardsville, Illinois. Married Norman Utecht 4 April 1948 Edwardsville, Ill. Res:. Edwardsville, Ill. R. R. #2. Meat cutter.

      Children:

      (a) Timothy, born 14 Oct. 1951 Alton, Ill.

      (b) Nancy Joe, born 25 Sept. 1955, Alton, Illinois.

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1. Chart of Ancestry and Relationships follows Page 25

3) Maxine Lois, born 5 Oct. 1930, Hamel Twp. Madison Co., Illinois. Married Charles Foehrkalb 26 Jan. 1951, Edwardsville, Ill. Res: Edwardsville, Illinois. Trucking business.

Children:
(a) Susan Lynn, born 2 Sept. 1952. Scott Air Base, St. Clair Co., Illinois.

(b) Marcia Lea, born 5 Dec. 1957, Alton, Illinois.

4) Richard Henry, born 15 Mar. 1938 Granite City, Ill. Married Janice Wohlford 13 March 1955. Res: Edwardsville, Ill. R. R. #2 Farmer.

Children:
(a) Virginia Sue, born 12 Oct. 1955.

(b) Richard Kenneth, born 8 Aug. 1959. Highland, Illinois.

(2) William Ferdinand Schaefer, born 27 Aug. 1910, Fort Russell Twp. Madison Co., Illinois. Married Lucille Mueller, 4 Feb. 1940, Uniontown, Mo. Born 1 Apr. 1913, Frohna, Mo. Res: 1223 Madison Ave., Edwardsville, Illinois. Accountant.

Children:
1) Elizabeth Ann, born 28 July 1941, Alton, Ill. College student.

2) Carolyn Ruth, born 13 May 1945, Alton, Ill.

2. Louise (Steinmetz) Schaefer, born 26 Aug. 1880, Edwardsville, Twp. Madison Co., Ill. Address, Alhambra, Ill. Married Herman H. Schaefer, 28 Feb. 1905, Edwardsville, Ill. Born 26 Sept. 1875, Peters Station, Madison Co., Illinois. Died 31 March 1954. Farmer.

Children:
(1) Elmer Schaefer. Born 27 Dec. 1905, Fort Russell Twp. Madison Co., Illinois. Farm Bureau Service man. Married Elviria Feldman 4 September 1932. St. Paul's Church, Edwardsville, Ill. Born 24 March 1910, Edwardsville, Illinois. Res: Edwardsville, Ill.

Children:
1) Carol (Schaefer) Marton, born 12 Apr. 1936.

Edwardsville, Illinois. Married 6 June 1959, Edwardsville, Ill. Alexander John Marton, born 25 Mch. 1937, Youngstown, Ohio. Theological Student. Elmhurst, Ill.

2) Verna Lee, born 1 July 1940. Alton, Ill. College Student.

(2) Esther (Schaefer-Dannenberg) Sido, born 25 Sept. 1908, Ft. Russell Twp., Edwardsville, Ill. Res: 517 Thomas Street, Edwardsville, Illinois. Married I: Alvin Dannenberg 4 June 1927. Born 7 Apr. 1905 Pleasant Ridge, Collinsville, Ill. Died 7 Oct. 1934, Edwardsville, Illinois. Married II: Wilbur Sido 2 Oct. 1951 Pocahontas, Ark. Born 3 Nov. 1905. Baker.

Children I Marriage:

1) Harold Dannenberg, born 14 Nov. 1929, Edwardsville, Illinois. Married 29 Aug. 1953, Dolores Kettenhoefen, born 4 Nov. 1933. I. B. M. Employee. Res: 422 Bohlman Street, Edwardsville, Illinois

Children:

(a) Robert Lee, born 18 June 1954.

(b) William Allan, born 13 July 1957.

(c) James Edwards, born 3 July 1958.

2) Donald Dannenberg, born 22 June 1932 Edwardsville, Ill. Married Nancy Moore, 31 Dec. 1952. Divorced. She was born 12 Oct. 1934, Marysville, Ill. No children. Married II: Norma Johnson, born 3 Apr. 1936, Dennison, Texas. Res: 2818 W. Johnson St., Dennison, Texas. U. S. Air Force.

Children:

(a) Deborah Louise, born 30 Aug. 1957.

(3) Lorene (Schaefer) Shashack, born 19 Nov. 1911, Ft. Russell, Twp., Edwardsville, Ill. Married Frank Shashack, born 10 Nov. 1913. Hamel Twp., Carpenter, Ill. Eden Church, 25 April 1937. Edwardsville, Ill. Dairy Mfg.

Children:

1) Sidney E., born 30 Jan. 1938, Edwardsville, Ill. Married Lessie Davis 27 April 1957, born 11 May 1938, Donnavin, Missouri. Completed his military

service in U. S. Navy.

Children:
(a) Stephen Mark, born 28 Nov.1957.

2) Willard, born 4 Aug. 1946 Alton, Illinois.

(4) John Schaefer, born 10 Oct. 1915, Ft. Russell, Twp. Edwardsville, Ill. Res: Staunton, Ill. Serviceman for Farm Bureau. Married Amy Ellen Wood, 14 Jan. 1936. Evangelical parsonage, Centralia, Illinois. Born 2 Feb. 1912, Moro Twp., Moro, Illinois.

Children:
1) Jacklyn, born 23 July 1937, Ft. Russell Twp., Moro, Ill. Married 2 Jan. 1957, Richard Homer Clutters, born 11 Feb. 1936, Ironton, Ohio. Married in Terra Haute, Ind. Res: Staunton, Illinois. Aircraft employee.

Children:
(a) Ricky, born 26 Dec. 1957.

(b) Randy, born 26 Nov. 1958.

(c) Ronald John, born 1 June 1960 Staunton, Illinois.

2) Sandra Lynn, born 28 Dec. 1952, Staunton, Ill.

3. Ida Steinmetz, born 26 Oct. 1882. Died 31 Oct. 1883. Buried on Krome Lot, St. James Cemetery, North of Edwardsville, Illinois.

4. John Frederick Steinmetz, born 23 Sept. 1884, Edwardsville, Twp., Madison Co., Ill. Died Marshall, Mo. 15 Feb. 1958. Buried Slater, Mo. Cemetery. Farmer. Married Louise S. Kreimer, 30 Aug. 1911 Talmage, Nebraska. Born 13 May 1892, Talmage, Nebraska.

Children:
(1) Ardell Eleanor (Steinmetz) Bailey, born 5 July 1912, Talmage, Nebraska. Married Warren D. Bailey 1 May 1932, Slater, Mo. Born 17 Nov. 1906, Elmwood, Nebraska. Res: 498 Bowling Green Way, Los Angeles, California. U.S. Communication Service during World War II. Employee of Western Electric Co., Inc. Field Engineering Force.

Children:
1) Mariel, born 3 Jan. 1940, Grand Isle, Nebraska. College Student, Nurse Trainee.

2) Bruce Roland, born 7 Apr. 1941, Grand Isle, Nebraska. College Student, Law Course.

(2) J. Hubert Steinmetz, born 20 Apr. 1916, Slater, Missouri. Married Ethel Louise Haywood, 24 Oct. 1948, Yuma, Arizona. Born 8 Dec. 1929, Norfolk, Virginia. Res: 4976 Glacier Ave., San Diego 20, California. Carpenter.

Children:
1) John Hubert, Jr., born 19 May 1950, San Diego, California.

2) William Dean, born 2 Nov. 1952, San Diego, California.

(3) Roland J. Steinmetz, born 4 Sept. 1920, Slater, Mo. Married Helen C. Kearns, 14 June 1940. Born 7 Aug. 1921, Slater, Mo. Res: Slater, Mo. Farmer and U.S. MAIL Carrier.

Children:
1) Sandra K., born 30 Nov. 1943, Marshall, Mo.

2) James O., born 15 Feb. 1948, Kansas City, Mo.

(4) Ruth L.(Steinmetz) Wright, born 31 Aug. 1928, Slater, Mo. Married Roy Lee Wright 19 Sept. 1945, Lawrence, Kans. Res: 14209 E. 39th Street, Independence, Mo. Salesman.

Children:
1) Connie Sue, born 28 June 1952, Independence, Mo.

2) Terresa Ann, born 5 July 1954, Independence, Mo.

3) Robert Alan, born 12 June 1956, Independence, Mo.

5. Ferdinand Henry Steinmetz, born 19 Aug. 1886, Edwardsville, Twp., Madison Co., Illinois. Married Helen Marguerite Horn[1] 2 Aug. 1916, Bellefontaine, Ohio. Born 6 Dec. 1892, Bellefontaine, Ohio. Res: Union Springs, New York. Retired College Teacher.

Children:
(1) Margaret Olive (Steinmetz) Mosher, born 25 May 1918, Truman, Minn. Married Ralph A, Mosher 20 Aug. 1949,

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1. See Henry Horn and His Descendants, Page T-120,1949

Orono, Maine. Born 11 March 1917, Union Springs, New York. Res: Union Springs, New York. Dairyman and farmer.

Children:

1) Ellen Jean, born 20 Oct. 1951, Auburn, New York.

2) Mark, born 2 July, died same day, 1954.

3) Hugh Clark, born 27 Oct. 1955, Auburn, New York.

4) Harriet Ann, born 25 Feb. 1958, Auburn, New York.

(2) John Ferdinand, born 3 Apr. 1922, Minneapolis, Minn. War Casualty, died 2 Apr. 1945. Streitburg, Germany. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Grave #5464.

(3) Harriet Ann (Steinmetz) Fray, born 16 Mar. 1925, Minneapolis, Minn. Married Harold Raymond Fray, 19 June 1948, Orono, Maine. Born 8 Feb. 1925. Pastor. Res: 4 Ballantyne Brae, Utica, New York.

Children:

1) Susan Bergen, born 14 Mar. 1950, Middletown, Connecticut.

2) John Raymond, born 8 Feb. 1952, Brooklyn, New York.

3) David Thomas, born 15 October 1954, Utica, New York.

4) Catharine Ann, born 5 November 1957, Utica, New York.

5) Helen Margaret, born 22 Feb. 1960, Utica, New York.

6. Henry William Steinmetz, born 19 July 1891, Ft. Russel Twp., Madison Co., Illinois. Married Ida Homan, 14 April 1920, Edwardsville, Illinois. Born 9 Sept. 1898 Edwardsvillle Twp., Madison Co., Ill. Res: 1301 No. Second St., Edwardsville, Ill. Retired farmer.

7. Hilda Amelia Louise (Steinmetz) Klotz, born 17 Feb. 1897, Edwardsville Twp., Madison Co., Ill. Married Louis August Klotz, 4 Feb. 1920, Edwardsville, Ill. Born 22 Feb. 1898, Edwardsville Twp., Madison Co., Illinois. Res: Belleville, Ill. R. Rt. #2. Retired farmer.

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Children:

(1) Elsie Louise (Klotz) Seibert, born 6 Sept. 1920, Edwardsville, Ill. Married Orville Henry Seibert, 21 Feb. 1941, St. Louis, Mo. Born 26 Mar. 1919, Shiloh Valley Twp., Belleville, Ill. Res: Belleville, Illinois, R.F.D. Farmer.

Children:

1) Howard Orville, born 23 July 1942, Belleville, Illinois.

2) Paul Henry, born 13 Feb. 1948, Belleville, Illinois.

3) Darryl Joseph, born 9 July 1957, Belleville, Illinois.

(2) Delmar Louis Klotz, born 14 May 1924, Belleville, Ill. Married Mary Kathleen Lentz, 21 Sept. 1946. Born 26 May 1926, Mound City, Ill. Res: Belleville, Ill. R. R. 2. Farmer.

Children:

1) Kathleen Ann, born 12 Oct. 1948, Belleville, Illinois.

2) Steven Louis, born 25 Aug. 1951, Belleville, Illinois.

A Translation of Father's Handwriting.

Edwardsville, Ill. 8 Aug. 1934.

I, John Steinmetz, born 9 November 1848 in Etzel, Amt Wittmund, Ostfriesland, Germany also baptized and confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. In 1870 I became interested in emigrating to America. On 1st of June I took leave of father and mother, brothers and sisters, and from the beloved fatherland. I arrived in Baltimore on the 18th of June and landed in Bethalto, Madison County (Ill.) There I stood in a strange land without money and without a home but I put my trust in God and went where He led me. I went three miles north of Edwardsville, (Ill.) and found work for seven to eight years at the farms of J. C. Burroughs and Henry Stullken and always was at home with Christian people. In 1878 I became engaged to E. M. Sophia Krome. The wedding took place in the Evangelical Church. The ceremony was performed by Pastor J. F. Kowving. We then moved to the Krome farm nearby where I now live (near Wanda, Ill.). Seven children were born, Anna in Edwardsville; Louise on the St. Louis Rd.; Ida died as an infant; John of Slater, Mo.; Ferdinand in Orono, Maine; Henry lives at home; Hilda in Shilo Valley, St. Clair Co. My dear wife preceded me in death 20 years ago. End good everything good.

John Steinmetz

Another Translation of Father's Handwritten Statements.

John Steinmetz, born 9 Nov. 1848 in Etzel, Amt Wittmund, Ostfriesland, Germany. Confirmed in Etzel 1864. Migrated to America on 2 June 1870. Landed in America in Fort Russell Township on 21 June 1870.

This is to verify that John H. Steinmetz and E. M. Sophia Krome were united in holy matrimony in the Eden Evangelische Kirche in Edwardsville on 28 February 1878.

Witnesses:

F. Fredrick Krome
Engel M. Krome

Father Johann H. Steinmetz, born 9 Nov. 1848 in Etzel, Amt Wittmund, Ostfriesland, Germany.

Mother E.M. Sophia Krome born in Pohlhagen on 4 Jan. 1857 in Fürstentum Bückelborg, Schamburg Lippe, Germany.

Anna born 12 Dec. 1878.

Louise born 26 Aug. 1880.

Ida born 26 Oct. 1882.

Johann born 23 Sept. 1884.

Ferdinand born 19 Aug. 1886.

Heinrich born 19 July 1891.

Hilda born 17 Feb. 1897.

Ida died 31 Oct. 1883.

Engel Maria Sophia Steinmetz, born Krome,

died 12 October 1913 at 10:30 p.m.

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Johann Herman Steinmetz was born Nov. 1848 in Etzel, Amt Wittmund, Germany. He had reported for military duty but since there was an excess number of young men for that year to fill the quota the young draftees drew numbers and he drew a deferred number. He then became interested in migrating to America and ultimately received his Emigration Certificate 2 March 1870, permitting him to go where he wished and that the Kingdom of Prussia forever gave up all claims on him as a citizen. (See facsimile.[1]) His certificate shows that he was to sail from Bremen 23 May for the Port of Baltimore, but was delayed and sailed 2 June 1870. The Franco-Prussian War was in progress before he left home, but since he had the passport,[2] all officials respected it and no questions were asked.

He arrived at the Port of Baltimore 18 June 1870 and with him was a young lady who did not receive money which was to be on deposit in Baltimore on her arrival. Johann H. Steinmetz shared his meager funds and food with her in order that both were able to arrive at their respective destinations. He often told of being well supplied with clothing which his mother had prepared in Germany. When he got off the train at Bethalto, about seven miles from Edwardsville, Illinois 21 June 1870, he had <u>one</u> coin which in those days was worth about 10 cents. The coin and the linen money bag with its drawstring is in the possession of Ferdinand.

During his last year in Germany, he was employed by a large Livestock trader. He was headgroom--thus he was in charge of horses as they were taken to market--often to Bremen. The animals were prepared with tails and manes braided with colorful ribbons in readiness for the trek to market.

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Auswanderungs-Bescheinigung

Dem am 9. November 1848 zu Etzel geborenen Johann Hermann Steinmetz, Sohne des Landgebräuchers Tjark Steinmetz und seiner Ehefrau Anna Catharina Focken zu Etzel, welcher beabsichtigt, sich in Amerika niederzulassen, wird hierdurch bescheinigt, daß die Erfüllung der Militairpflicht im Königreiche Preußen – abgesehen von dem Falle der Rückkehr innerhalb dienstpflichtigen Alters nach Vorschrift des Gesetzes – von ihm nicht mehr gefordert wird, und daß es nach hiesigen Grundsätzen einer förmlichen Entlassung aus dem Staatsverbande nicht bedarf.

Wittmund, den 2. März 1870.

Der Amtshauptmann.

Reichardt.

Emigration Certificate
Johann Hermann Steinmetz

(16 Seiten enthaltend.)

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NORDDEUTSCHER BUND.

KÖNIGREICH PREUSSEN.

No. 502 des Registers.

REISE-PASS

gültig bis zum 23ten Mai 1871

für Johann Hermann Steinmetz

aus Etzel

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nach Baltimore

reist.

Wittmund

den 23ten Mai 1870.

Der Amtshauptmann

J. V.

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Personbeschreibung des Inhabers.

Alter: 21 Jahr

Statur: mittler

Haare: blond

Augen: blau

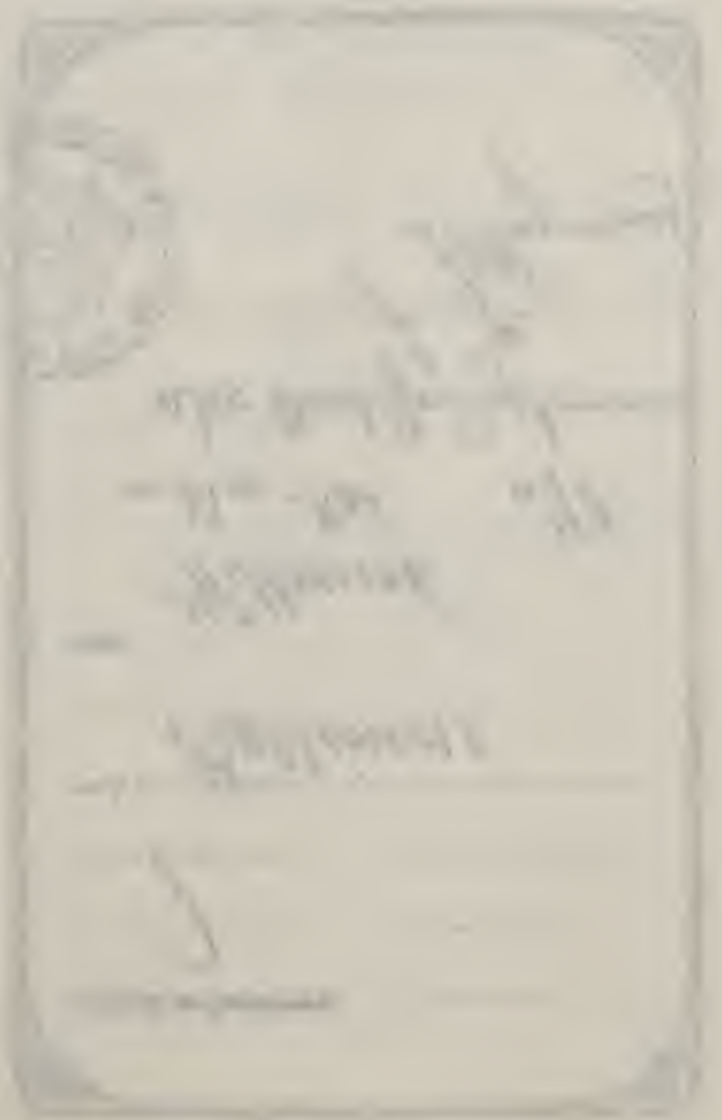
Gesichtsform: oval

Besondere Kennzeichen: Keine

Eigenhändige Unterschrift des Inhabers:

J. H. Steinmetz

Passport - Johann Hermann Steinmetz



The horses were lead tandem style, tied head to tail. It was his duty to lead the first horse--riding was forbidden. For his services he was provided food, clothing, shelter and $50 per year. During the early years in Illinois, he obtained employment as a farm hand. Since his father was a farmer, he had farm experience. He early made the acquaintance and for a time remained with Henry Stullken, a German farmer, in Fort Russell Township. Later he found employment as a farm hand with John C. Burroughs, a cultured English-speaking gentleman, who had come from Maryland. He often spoke of Mr. Burroughs as a kind and understanding person, often brusk in his commands but kindly considerate. It was through Mr. Burroughs that he learned American ways and the use of the English language. Here he was assisted in acquiring the necessary instruction to become a U. S. citzen. This citizenship declaration was filed 4 Nov. 1873 at Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois and bears his signature, Johann Herman Steinmetz.

He often said that he had decided that he would not work for recent German immigrants as he thought the best way to become a U. S. American citizen was to work for English-speaking people. As a result, he learned to speak and read English fluently. Later within the family German was the parental language. As children, through Ferdinand, English was first learned in public school. Henry and Hilda acquired English from their older brothers and sisters. After English was learned the family conversed among themselves in that language. However, the parents usually replied and spoke in German. The Eden Evangelical Church services were in the German language. The transition from German to English began about 1910 and today German is not used or even heard in the community.

John H. Steinmetz married Engel Marie Sophia Krome, daughter of Engel Marie (Stahlhut) Krome and J. Frederick C. Krome 28 Feb. 1878 in Edwardsville, Illinois. The couple began farming on a tract of land (partly forested) in Edwardsville Township and owned by the bride's parents. The house was a log cabin as were the other structures. During the approximately eleven years occupancy, much effort was devoted to land clearance and deforestation. In 1886 he acquired his first tract of land--The N. E. Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section ONE Twp. 4, Range 9, west of the Third Principal Meridian, situated in the County of Madison, Chauteau Twp., in the State of Illinois.

During the year 1888 he leased the large John C. Burroughs farm in Ft. Russell Twp. which the family occupied until March 1897. This was the farm on which he served as farm hand seven years. It was well equipped with large house and barn, extensive crop land and pasturage, a total of over 300 acres. During those years agriculture was not in a high state of prosperity. The low prices of farm commodities and the Bank failure of 1896 are well remembered, wheat 48 cents per bushel, corn 19 cents per bushel, potatoes 7 cents per bushel, hogs $2.50 per hundred weight, a good pair of horses $80. No doubt the earlier years of this farm tenure were not as depressive. During these years the tract of land in Chauteau Twp., previously cited was sold and a farm in Lawrence County, southwest Missouri, was acquired and held for several years. During the year 1896 the John Ryan farm (100 acres),adjacent to the Krome farm previously occupied, was purchased to which the family moved in March 1897. Early after 1900 a 240-acre farm near Slater, Mo. was acquired. A 286-acre farm, known as the Valley

View Farm in Ft. Russell Twp., Madison County, Illinois was also bought in 1901 and held for many years. A sizeable farm near Wellington, Mo. and a small farm near Glasgow, Mo. were purchased about 1908 - 1910. The Lawrence County, Wellington and Glasgow, Mo. farms were essentially speculative investments and held for relatively few years. The John Ryan farm was owned by the youngest son, Henry, but is now sold to his tenant, and the Slater, Mo. farm was owned by the oldest son, John. The Valley View Farm was sold during the settlement of the John Steinmetz estate, circa 1945.

During the early years at farming John Steinmetz utilized the reaper, a machine which cut and dropped the loose sheaves of grain, followed by a harvester which used wire as a tying material. Wire soon was replaced by sisal twine. His early corn planter required one person to operate a lever each time a mark appeared on the planter wheel. This dropped two or more grains in hills. Later the check-row planter appeared. It was equipped with mechanisms through which a notched wire strung across the field tripped the dropping device. With this planter the corn was cultivated both ways but required an experienced operator. The first potato planter used was made by a local blacksmith. It had rotating plates which dropped cut pieces of tubers similar to that of a modern corn planter. About 1900 the Aspinwall pressure potato sprayer was introduced, previous equipment was a mounted barrel to which two or more nozzle spray hoses were attached. This was a gravity device. At that time, Paris Green for potato bugs was the only spray material used.

There is one gruesome experience the Steinmetz family will never forget. Because of the lack of farm labor Mr. Steinmetz placed his oldest

son, age eleven, in charge of a four horse team hitched to a planker. The father drove three spirited mules hitched to a recently sharpened spike-tooth harrow. Together the operations were preparing the soil for seeding winter wheat. During the lunch hour the father decided that a prod stick would be useful to keep the 4-horse team in motion. Thus he went to the edge of the field to cut the stick. As he returned the ever present family dog began to bark and in turn the 3-mule team began to run directly toward the two sons. The second oldest escaped but John, the oldest, stumbled and fell - the mule team and harrow went directly over him. He received several flesh wounds and as a result missed a month of school but the second oldest, Ferdinand, got the scare.

Then there was the ice storm of about 1891 when the three older children walked the usual mile to school. It was necessary for them to get down on hands and knees in order to get up a small hill on the road. Such was the parents insistence that the children attend school disregarding weather.

The family was at work. Time for play was Sunday, holidays and at school recess. It was planned to feed and clothe the family through sale and/or barter for butter and eggs. As children, the family went to church and Sunday School in the farm wagon. Later a "carry all" with springs and a top with storm curtains for conveyance was purchased.

Church attendance was regular. As a family, the church holidays were never forgotten.--New Year's Day, First and Second Easter Days, Pentecost, Thanksgiving and Christmas were observed. Prayers were offered at each meal during which the entire family assembled. No farm work,other than essential chores, was performed on Sunday. Once there was an annoying

misunderstanding among neighbors who insisted they must thresh their wheat on Sunday. After a few years, Sunday threshing was discontinued in the circuit. Mr. Steinmetz once told a group why he never played cards-although not opposed to the pastime game as such. It seemed that he and a group of boys had indulged in card playing at the local tavern for which his father reprimanded him severely. Thus he vowed he would never play cards again.

As for education, it was a policy that the children attend public school regularly. All the children passed through the eighth grade in the one- or two-room schoolhouses, only the youngest daughter passed the County Superintendent's examination. High school was considered to be for town pupils and very few of them attended.

John H. Steinmetz made only one trip to his native home in 1906. His passport signed by Elihu Root, Secretary of State, is dated 14 August 1905. He was away approximately six weeks. He reported a pleasant voyage and spent most of his time visiting immediate relatives.

During the year 1924 he had a substantial monument erected on the graves of his father and mother which are located in the church yard of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Etzel. This is the church in which he was baptized and confirmed. In fact, an active contact was maintained with his home church, relatives and friends during his lifetime.

He never held a political office but was a member of the local District School Board. He always attended elections and exercised his franchise. He was a member of the Eden Evangelical Church of Edwardsville, Illinois during his life in America. His ideals and character were of a high order. During the latter years he took part and contributed toward

the building of a new church edifice, which replaced the outgrown one built in 1868.

He lived near Edwardsville, Illinois almost continuously and on the same farm from 1897 to 1940. He seemingly took leave from his employer in Illinois and went to eastern Nebraska for a part of one year. He often described the arrival of the grasshopper flight in Nebraska and said that disastrous experience caused him to return to Illinois. Since records indicate that the first serious grasshopper plague occurred in 1874, it is assumed to be the year.

He began farming in 1878 and often told of his equipment: two horses, wagon, single furrow walking plow, and a wooden-frame harrow. There were no planting machines for corn or potatoes. With this equipment and his savings after eight years of labor as farmhand, he began farming. To add to his working capital, he sold cordwood. He told of cutting a cord of wood 4 x 4 x 8 feet stack one day and hauling it to market some nine miles the next, for which he obtained $5. Yet, in those times needs were modest and with good health and industry after 60 years, he ended his life relatively well to do.

Five children were born on the Krome farm. Only the oldest child was born in the original log cabin. Frederick Krome had a substantial six-room frame house built in which Louise, John, Ferdinand and Hilda were born. Henry was born in the house on the Burroughs farm. Hilda was born in grandmother Krome's room as the event occurred a few days before the family moved to the recently acquired John Ryan farm nearby.

Anna was the oldest child in the family and, therefore, undoubtedly lived through more stringent times and carried heavy responsibilities in

the family. She had a one-room grade school education. As a beginner in the same school, the names of two boys and two girls in that class can now be readily recalled. As a farm girl, she often assisted in field work, such as driving a team or loading hay. She was born before High School attendance was required and, even more, before High School attendance was popular. She and her husband, Henry Schaefer, lived on the Valley View Farm from 1905 until her husband's death in 1921. Henry was a good farmer and a man of high ideals and integrity.

Their oldest son, Alfred, attended High School one year but because of his father's failing health he dropped out of school and after farming several years he sold out and has followed the carpenters trade since. William, being seven years younger, was in his lower teens when his father died and with his mother took up residence in Edwardsville. Thus William obtained a four-year High School education, following which, he enrolled in a Commercial School. Later he found employment in a railroad office in which he continues to be employed with the company in St. Louis, Mo. as a Chief Accountant.

Louise passed through the eight grades of the one-room Rural School but like her older sister, formal education ceased there. She married a brother of Anna's husband. They were farmers and finally owned her husband's family home farm which was sold following her husband's death. Neither of their two daughters received education above the eighth grade in Rural School. Their father felt that girls did not need a High School education. Their two sons attended High School and completed the four-year course.

Elmer and John found employment with the Illinois, Madison Co., Farm Bureau. They each drove trucks and delivered gas, oil, and other farm

supplies. They have been very successful and have been granted Service Awards. More recently Elmer, because of his failing health, has been given work in the home office.

The oldest daughter Esther, became a widow early in life with two sons to provide for. As a result, she with her sons lived with her parents. The outcome was that Louise had the responsibility of bringing up two grandsons. The mother found employment in a local department store. Louise's second daughter, Lorene, is a housewife. Her husband is employed in a local creamery.

John and a neighbor boy, William Brave, were suddenly overtaken by "Wander-Lust." Thus in the Spring of 1908 they went to Talmage, Nebraska where Henry Meinen lived. John decided upon carpentry and for 3 years served as an apprentice. He was married in 1911 to Louise Kreimer of Talmage, Nebraska. In 1914 he and his wife and daughter, Ardell, moved to the Slater, Missouri farm which he operated and finally purchased. The carpenter's trade became an asset to him as he used it on the farm where he built a modern farm house, barns, and outbuildings. John became a leader in his community and served on church and school boards. For many years he was secretary of the Farmers' Cooperative Grain Elevator Company. He solicited Farm Insurance and was a promoter of the Cooperative Movement. He retired to Slater, Missouri in the Spring of 1949 and leased the farm to his son, Roland J. Steinmetz. John died February 15, 1958 in Marshall, Missouri while undergoing abdominal surgery and is buried in Slater, Missouri Cemetery. His wife, Louise, survives him and is now in a home for aged in Fayette, Missouri.

Ardell lives in Los Angeles, California. Before her marriage in

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1932 she attended Peru State Teacher's College, Peru, Nebraska during several summer sessions and taught grade school in Missouri. In California she has been employed in business for several years. Her husband, Warren D. Bailey, is a graduate of the Peru State Teacher's College. He taught High School three years 1927-'30, served as High School Principal 1930-'33 and was promoted to Superintendent of Schools, North Loup, Nebr. 1933. He attended Radio and Television Trade Schools during summers and in 1937 obtained Radio Telephone First Class License at Kansas City, Mo. In 1937 he was transmitter engineer and studio control operator for Station KXBY in Kansas City, Mo. He served as Chief Engineer at KFJB, Marshalltown, Iowa. Following an adventure in business in 1939-'40 he returned to the engineering field of transmitting, installing, supervising and teaching communications and radio navigation. In 1943 he joined the Western Electric Company service. Since that time he has been employed by the Western Electric Co., Inc. Field Engineering Force at numerous points along the Pacific and Atlantic Coasts as well as Hawaii and Japan. At present he is stationed on the Pacific Coast as Senior Engineer of the Western Electric Co., Inc.

Their two children are both in college courses. Mariel is enrolled in the third year nurses training course at Mt. St. Mary's College in Los Angeles while Bruce is in his second year at the University of California, Los Angeles enrolled in the Law School.

Their two sons served in World War II. In 1941 J. Hubert was employed with a contruction company operating on the Island of Palmira before hostilities broke out in the Pacific Arena. He returned to his home early in 1942 to enlist. With his previous experience in construction work

in the Pacific it was quite logical that he enlist in the Seabees and he returned to that Arena to assist in the urgently needed construction. J. Hubert served from 1942 - 1945 with the Seabees of the U. S. Overseas Forces. Roland J. trained as a Pilot in the U. S. Air Force from 1943 - 1945 and was ready for duty when the war ended. Following his return to civilian life he received an appointment in the U. S. Postal Service as Rural Mail carrier at Slater, Missouri and operates a farm.

Ruth is a housewife. Her husband, Roy Wright, is a veteran of World War II. He served in the U. S. Navy from Oct. 1944 - June 1946 in the Armed Guard in the Atlantic until the war ended in Europe. He was then transferred to the 6th Fleet in the Pacific stationed on a Destroyer. During his service he visited England, France, Hawaiian Islands, Guam, Okinawa, China, Korea and Manchuria. At present Roy is in commercial employment. All of John's children received a High School education.

Ferdinand grew up as a farmer but at the age of 20, he enrolled in a commercial school in St. Louis, Missouri. After eight months, he received its diploma. In April 1907, he passed Civil Service examination for postal clerk and was appointed July 1, St. Louis, Missouri. He resigned after two months because of disillusionment and general dislike of supervision in contrast to the freedom he knew as a boy on the farm. He spent the following year on the home farm. During that year at the age of 22 he became interested in pursuing a general education with no particular vocation in mind.

As implied previously, he neither had passed the eighth grade County Superintendent's examination nor had he attended High School. Finally he interviewed the County Superintendent who advised him to apply to

the President of the Eastern Illinois State Normal School. This was in the Fall of 1908. The school was new having opened in 1900. At that time, eighth grade graduates were admitted. It is assumed that his application was accepted because of age and the eight-month Commercial Course in St. Louis. After five years, he was granted a diploma with extra credits. From here he attended the University of Illinois, registering in Agriculture, and was graduated with their B. S. A. degree in 1915. Since an interest in teaching was acquired in the Normal School he followed up with work planned in Agricultural Education. Thus after seven years and with a B. S. degree, he found employment at Truman, Minnesota as a High School teacher of Agriculture. Three years later, he obtained an appointment in Agronomy at the University of Minnesota and began advanced study. The M. S. degree was awarded in 1921 and the Ph. D. in 1926 with a split minor in Agronomy and Plant Pathology and a major in Botany. One year later he was appointed Prof. of Botany at the University of Maine where he served until his retirement in 1954. During his service at the University of Maine he was Head of the Department of Botany and Entomology and Chairman of Graduate Study in the College of Agriculture and served on numerous university administrative committees. His interests and efforts in the development of graduate work were notable. As recognition for his campus activities and scholarship he was elected to the Society of Phi Kappa Phi and the Society of the Sigma Xi. He has been listed in American Men of Science for many years and in Who's Who in America in 1952. In 1949 the Eastern Illinois State Teacher's College awarded him an honorary Dr. of Pedagogy degree. His publications treat agriculture, taxonomy, plant pathology, plant physiology, mycology, and aerio-biology. With his wife he moved to Union

Springs, New York to be near their daughter, Margaret, who resides on a farm nearby.

Margaret attended Orono High School during rather hectic years when the school population had outgrown its facilities and the town was reluctant in voting the construction of a new building. She entered the University of Maine in the Fall of 1936 and registered in Home Economics. Girl Scout activities and organization were then poorly developed in Orono. Thus she found employment during vacations in Seashore Hotels. On campus she participated in extra-curricular activities such as the Maine Christian Association and Maine Outing Club. In her senior year she was elected President of her Sorority. This provided problems as well as pleasures. Following graduation, she taught Home Economics two years in Presque Isle, Maine High School and then held a similar position in the Public High School at East Greenwich, Rhode Island for one year. Following this she attended Cornell University Summer Session and was successful in obtaining part-time employment which made it possible to do part-time graduate work in Home Economics at Cornell. After two years following receipt of the M. S. degree she was employed by the College of Home Economics, Cornell University as 4-H Club Specialist in Home Improvement--a position she held for four years previous to her marriage to Ralph A. Mosher of Union Springs, New York. When she resigned her rating was that of Assistant Professor of Cornell University. Her husband, a Cornell graduate, is a veteran of World War II having served at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. At present Ralph operates a large farm and has a sizeable herd of Registered Guernsey cattle at Ridgeway Farm, Union Springs, New York.

Harriet Ann graduated from High School in 1942 and entered college

during the turbulent days of World War II. During these years colleges were operating on an intensified schedule. Military units were maintained on the campus and directed by the U. S. Armed Forces. Thus, men were allowed to acquire one or more years of college education parallel to basic military training. At best, college education and campus life were abnormal as compared with peace-time activities. In the later war years, few men were enrolled and those remaining were classified as disqualified for military service and known as Class 4F.

Harriet found herself in the midst of it all. It was her lot to be elected as President of the Maine Christian Association organization. Thus, it was in other campus activities, the women students carried the load. As a result, she automatically acquired leadership training which in later days remain as an asset. She was graduated from the University of Maine with emphasis on biology and education.

Throughout her upper grade and high school days she was active in school and Girl Scout activities, having attended summer camp for ten years. She became a Junior Counselor in Girl Scout Camp during her later college years. Following graduation she was Girl Scout Executive in Bridgeport, Connecticut, an office she held for three years previous to her marriage to Harold R. Fray, Jr., who completed his college education at Wesleyan University as a Veteran under the G. I. Bill. He graduated from Union Theological Seminary in 1956. Since then he has been Pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Utica, New York.

John was a regular student at the University of Maine from September 1940 until he was taken from the Campus Military Training group and sent to Army Officer's Training Camp during his Junior mid-year. He

was registered as a major in chemistry. Following intensive training at Camp Wheeler, Fort Knox and Fort Benning, he was sent overseas in late January 1945 as Second Lieutenant with the 71st Division, Co. M 66th Infantry.

John was active in Boy Scouts of America and attained Eagle Scout rating. During two successive summers, he was junior Boy Scout leader in Camp Roosevelt,Bangor, Maine where he attended successive summer camp seasons. In High School, he was a member of the basketball team and played the violin in the High School Orchestra. It was his ambition to be a baseball player-while in college he followed up in basketball. He was an active member of the Maine Outing Club and was its President during his last year in college. During his two college vacation years, he was Junior leader at a Commercial Camp for boys near Belgrade, Maine. With his Army Unit, he landed in France in early February 1945, following which the unit moved southward and joined the 7th Army entering Germany at Pirmasens. After operations along the Rhine, the unit crossed the Rhine north of Frankfort where they were assigned to the 3rd Army under General Patton. He was mortally wounded as Forward Observer, directing fire of 81 milli-meter mortars, near Leisenwald, Germany, on April 2, 1945. His body was buried at Streitburg, Germany, then St. Avold, France and now is interred in Arlington Virginia National Cemetery in Grave #5464.

Henry continued to live on the home farm. After his marriage he took over the farm. His father continued to live on the home farm until his death in 1940. Later Henry purchased the Steinmetz home farm which he

sold to his tenant in 1959. Because of a respiratory ailment, he and his wife lived in town during recent years as dust and other farm materials made farm life unbearable for him. Both he and his wife completed the eighth grade but neither attended High School.

Hilda was six years old when Louise was married. Thus she grew up in the surroundings of her older brothers. Her mother was failing in health and died when Hilda was 16 and for the next seven years she carried the load as housekeeper for the remaining family. She has the distinction of having passed the County Superintendent's examination. Her two children acquired High School education. Hilda's husband began farming on his father's large and well-developed farm, which he later purchased. The parents reside on a small farm adjacent to the home farm in the Shilo Valley near Scott Field, U. S. Army Air Base. Following their retirement their son, Delmar, took over the farm operations. Their daughter, Elsie, married Orville Seibert who operates his family home farm which is about two miles distant. He served in the U. S. Air Force from 16 Sept. 1942 to 3 Dec. 1945 and was Staff Sergeant stationed in England for 31 months from 4 May 1943 to 27 Nov. 1945. They have three sons. Thus it is apparent that the John Herman Steinmetz family primarily has been interested in agriculture. In the main they have made farming a success. During the lifetime of the present generation, farming has become completely mechanized. Not one of them has horses or mules as farm draft animals.

V. Steinmetz, Christian A. Ferdinand

Christian A. Ferdinand Steinmetz was born 22 May 1858, in Etzel, Amt Wittmund, Ostfriesland, Germany. He died 28 July 1886 in a drowning tragedy near Talmage, Nebraska. Tombstone records at McWilliams Cemetery, near Lorton, Nebraska of C. A. F. Steinmetz family are given below:

C. A. F. Steinmetz died July 28, 1886, 28 yrs., 2 mos., 6 days.
Anna Maria Steinmetz died July 28, 1886, 22 yrs., 5 mos., 6 days.
George H. Steinmetz died July 28, 1886, 1 yr., 1 mo., 15 days.

Christian August Ferdinand born 22 May 1858 in Etzel came to U. S. A. and went directly to Nebraska in 1882. He was a carpenter by trade. He married Anna Maria Ekhoff of Talmage, Nebraska. C. A. Ferdinand, Anna Maria, their one year old son, George H., and Anna's brother, George Ekhoff, were coming home from a visit with Anna's kinfolk at night riding in a farm wagon drawn by a pair of mules. As the team was crossing an unbannistered bridge, the mules shied away from some water which had been spilled on the bridge and backed into the stream at freshet stage. The tragic accident ended in the drowning of the entire family. Anna's brother, George, alone survived. They are buried in the McWilliams Cemetery near Lorton, Nebraska.

VI. Heeren, Anna Catharina Margarethe (Steinmetz)

Anna Catharina Margarethe (Steinmetz) Heeren, born 10 Apr. 1851. Etzel, Germany. Died 28 Sept. 1934. Married Harm Heeren, born 2 Feb. 1840. Died 26 June 1933. Res: Friedeburg in Ostfries-

land, Germany.

Children:
1. Anna Marie Heeren, born 24 Feb. 1885. She never married. She had been a teacher.

Anna Catharina Margarethe and husband had only one daughter, Anna Maria whom her uncle, John H. Steinmetz befriended on his visit to Germany in 1906. She had expressed a desire to go to America, but as the time approached, she changed her mind and did not leave Germany. Her uncle willed Anna Catharina $50 which Anna Marie received since her mother died in 1934.

VII. Steinmetz, Christine Auguste Dorothea

Christine Auguste Dorothea Steinmetz, born in Etzel, Germany 11 Nov. 1860. She married Janssen who died about 1920.

Children:
1. Heinrich. Killed in the Austrian Campaign with the German Army in 1917.

2. Fritz. Came to U. S. and Nebraska about 1910 at the age of 15.

Christine married Janssen. They had two sons--Heinrich and Fritz. Her husband died when the sons were quite small leaving her in difficult circumstances. Fritz came to the U. S. A. in 1910 at the age of 15 and lived at Talmage, Nebraska with Henry Meinen for one or more years. He was drafted into the United States Army during World War I and was sent overseas. It was his lot to be on the transport which was sunk by a German submarine in the English Channel. He was among the survivors and was brought back to the continental United States.

For a time he was in New York City and several relatives heard from him. The last letter received from him about 1924 stated that he had employment in a restaurant. No one has heard from him since although there have been rumors that he had been in Omaha, Nebraska.

Nebraska Cousins and Friends

In addition to "Dick" Steinmetz and Henry Rogge who settled in Illinois, John H. Steinmetz had cousins and numerous friends from his home neighborhood who emigrated to southeastern Nebraska and settled on homestead land in the late 1860 to 1890 period. Among them, the family names of Frerichs, Winklehake, Wendell, Renken, and many others appear. Berndt Folken and John Folken were sons of Stillahn Folken. According to Anna Ekhoff (Etzel, 1960 letter) there also were two additional Folken brothers and cousins of John H. Steinmetz who came to U. S. A.; namely, Dirk and Herman Folken. Of the latter two there is no information. Berndt and John came to America about 1882 and stopped with John H. Steinmetz for an extended time before going westward to Talmage, Nebraska. Berndt married Johanna Frerichs[1], born in Etzel in 1873 and came to Nebraska in 1891. They were married soon after her arrival in Talmage. Berndt and Johanna had four children. They lived continuously near Talmage. Berndt died in 1943. Johanna lived several years later with her son, Fritz, in Talmage. Mrs. Catharine Boercher of Unadilla, Nebraska is Fritz's oldest sister. There is no information on the other two children. Fritz resides in Talmage, and is unmarried. John H. Steinmetz's aunt, Talke Folken, married Johann Joachim Ekhoff in Etzel, Germany in 1834. Two of their

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1. Newspaper account of Mrs. Berndt Folken's funeral

daughters with their husbands came to U. S. A. Talke Marie married Johann Oetken in Etzel, Germany and went directly to Nebraska while Margretta, born 1839, married Johann Eckhoff in Etzel, Germany of an unrelated lineage which had been in Turkey for generations, then went to Russia, on to Netherlands and to Germany and finally to U. S. A. Margretta and husband came to Bethalto, Illinois in 1868 where they stayed 4 years with an Eckhoff family of her husband's lineage. From there they went to Talmage, Nebraska in 1872. Margretta died in 1921 at the age of 82. Her husband died in 1907 at the age of 71. John H. Steinmetz attended Margretta's funeral. Margretta's oldest daughter married Christian A. Ferdinand Steinmetz - both are deceased. Her brother, George, never married. The only living daughter of which there is information is Hellene (Mrs. John Juilfs). They had 3 sons and 2 daughters. As far as it is known they reside in Nebraska. Talke Maria and her husband lived in the vicinity of Cook, Nebraska while Margretta and her husband lived in the vicinity of Talmage, Nebraska. Members of both families continue to reside in the same areas. (The above information has been extracted from letters from Margretta's daughter, Mrs. Hellene Juilfs of Talmage, Nebr. and Anna Catharina Ekhoff, Etzel, Germany. Additional information was obtained in conference with Jacob Oetken, Talke Marie's son, during a visit in his home August 1959.

As stated previously Talke Marie (Ekhoff) Oetken and her husband Johann F. Oetken lived in the vicinity of Cook, Nebraska. As far as is known two children survive, Mr. Jacob J. Oetken and Mrs. Fred (Mattie) Wendell both of Cook, Nebraska. Jacob married Ida C. Weber of Cook,

Nebraska 14 Apr. 1910. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary 14 Apr. 1960 at Cook, Nebraska. They have 3 children, John Oetken, Roy Oetken, and Mrs. Lloyd (Verona) Scheer, all of Cook. They also have 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandsons. The Oetkens were farmers until their retirement when they moved into Cook 20 years ago. They are members of Grace Lutheran Church of Cook, Mr. Oetken has taken an active part in civic affairs in the Village of Cook.

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Tecumseh, Nebr., Apr. 21, 1960.

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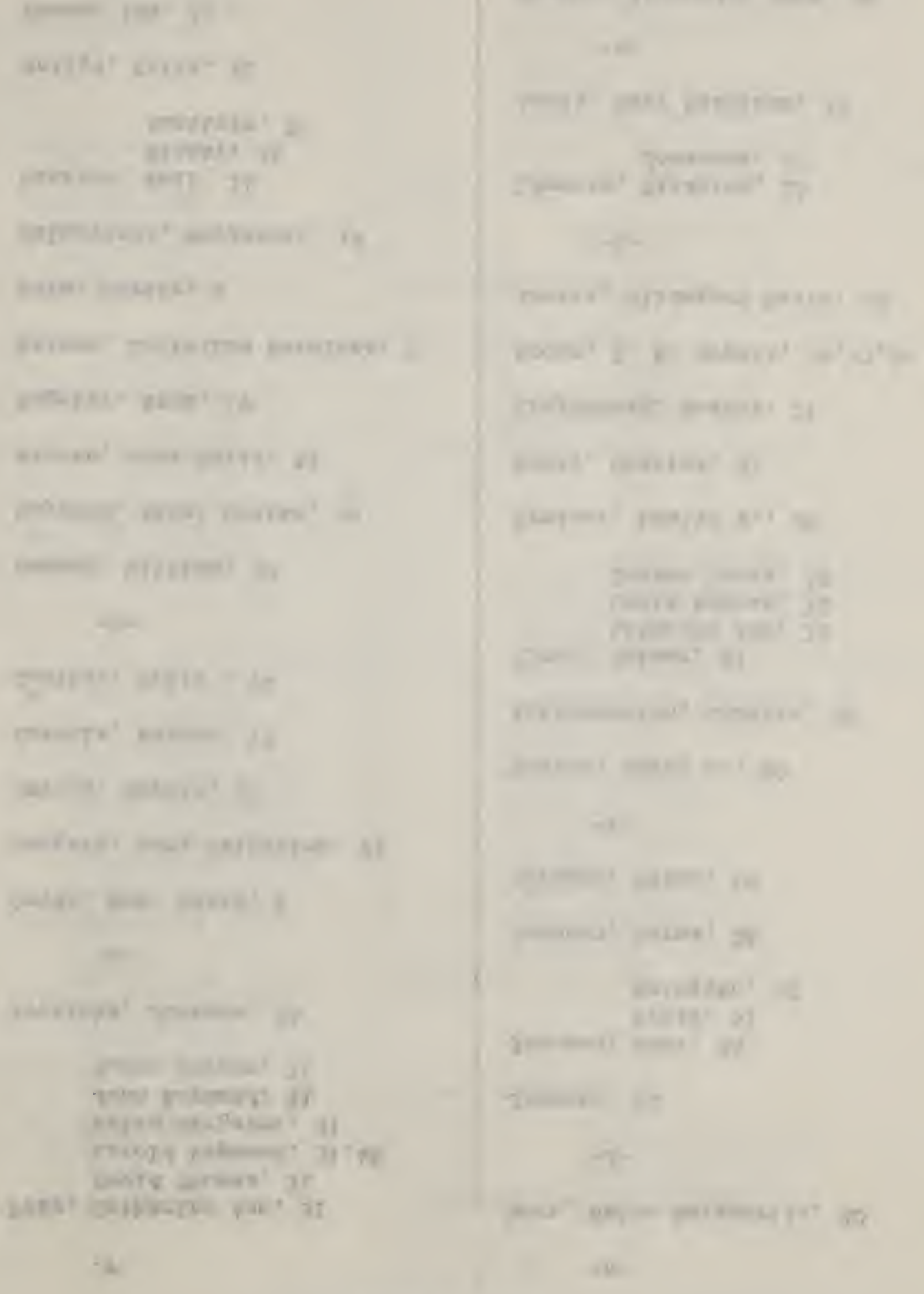

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